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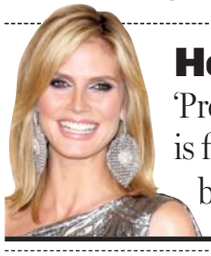

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SHAKEN: A wounded man leaves the scene of a massive blast in Baghdad, where a string of attacks Wednesday, including two bombings near government buildings, killed at least 95 people. It was Baghdad's bloodiest day since U.S. troops withdrew from cities. ✣ **New Fears:** Is Baghdad secure? | **Page 10**

Va. Tech Killer Went Untreated

Released records show Cho denied homicidal thoughts

The missing mental health records of Seung-Hui Cho released Wednesday indicate that the Virginia Tech gunman was never treated at the school's counseling center, despite orders from a judge that he get the help.

The long-awaited records, which were taken home by the fired director of Cook Counseling Center, do not provide clearer insight into the mind of the college junior who later killed 32 students and teachers before shooting himself in the deadliest shooting by an individual in U.S. history.

Instead, they provide another window into the broken mental health system that allowed him to slip through its cracks.

The records include e-mail traffic, screening forms, discharge papers and three triage reports, all from November and December 2005. The shooting occurred in April 2007, indicating no follow-up by the university or other mental health professionals.

One of the triage reports included a Post-it note saying: "I met with student for about 30 mins. — he denied any suicidal or homicidal ideation." Cho, despite the fact that he was detained in a psychiatric hospital, deemed a danger to himself and ordered by a judge to receive treatment, was never given that help. BRIGID SCHULTE AND TOM JACKMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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— **THE POLICE CHIEF** OF LANCASTER, OHIO, REGARDING TASERS. A DAY AFTER BEING ISSUED THE DEVICES, AN OFFICER SET ON FIRE SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN SNIFFING FUMES.

IDENTICAL

'7' and '0' Are Hard to Tell Apart

A small-town florist in Clinton, Ill., has been fielding hundreds of calls a day from people asking about "Cash for Clunkers" after General Motors began advertising a toll-free number. The GM number is nearly identical to the shop's number — but the prefixes are different. GM's is 877 and the shop's is 800. The owner of Flower Corner says many callers seem confused. Even when they're told they've reached a florist, some still ask about "Clunkers." (AP)

SHAUN CURRY/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

STUNTS

Child's Parents Cannot Be Normal

Tiger Brewer, 8, became the youngest "wing walker" in the world Wednesday in Gloucestershire, England. The boy bound himself onto the wings of his grandfather's biplane, then flew at 100 mph at 1,000 feet. "On takeoff I was scared. From one to 10, it was probably a nine," he told a British newspaper. The achievement is expected to be submitted to Guinness World Records. (EXPRESS)

ROMANCE

Traumatic Proposal To Haunt Woman

A Maryland lawmaker has apologized for using a police boat and helicopter to create a diversion so he could surprise his girlfriend with a marriage proposal. Baltimore Police Commissioner Frederick Bealefeld said Tuesday that Delegate Jon Cardin also offered to pay expenses from the incident. Officials don't know yet how much Cardin's proposal cost the department. (AP)

HUMILIATION

He Can't See the Humor, but We Can

A brazen burglar picked the wrong place to target: a North Bend, Ore., police station. Police Chief Steve Scibelli said it was embarrassing to have a thief hit his station last week, stealing a radio, two stun guns and a Crown Victoria patrol car. The one saving grace is that police made a quick arrest. "I'm so upset about it, I can't even find any humor in it," Scibelli said. (AP)

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Mercury Is Seen in All Fish Tested

Research in streams across U.S. details contamination levels

WASHINGTON | A federal study of mercury contamination released Wednesday found the toxic substance in every fish tested at nearly 300 streams across the country, a finding that underscores how widespread mercury pollution has become.

300

The number of fish tested in the study. Each had traces of mercury.

The study by the U.S. Geological Survey is the most comprehensive look to date at mercury in the nation's streams. From 1998 to 2005, scientists collected and tested more than a thousand fish from 291 streams nationwide. While all fish had traces of mercury contamination, only about a quarter had levels exceeding what the Environmental Protection Agency says is safe for people eating average amounts of fish.

The main source of mercury in most of the streams tested, according to the study, is emissions from coal-fired power plants. (AP)

Bad Blood Boils at Health Forums

Anger reaches a fever pitch on both sides of hotly contested issue

NEW YORK | The images are striking: One congressman's office defaced by a swastika, other congressmen heckled at public meetings, videos and placards likening Barack Obama to Hitler, private citizens with guns joining anti-Obama protests.

Outside one meeting hosted by Sen. Ben Cardin, a Maryland Democrat, authorities detained a man with a sign reading, "Death to Obama, Death to Michelle And Her Two Stupid Kids."

In this season of searing political heat generated by the health care debate, these incidents have raised divisive questions of their own. Are they simply the latest twists in a long tradition of vigorous, public engagement or evidence of some new, alarming brand of political virulence?

To some political veterans, the phenomenon is unprecedented. "There is more anger in America today than at any time I can remember," said Sen. Arlen Specter, a Democrat from Pennsylvania, after one of a series of town hall meetings at which he was jeered.

DARREN MCCOLLESTER/GETTY IMAGES

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., walks past opponents of President Obama's health care plan before attending a town hall meeting in Dartmouth, Mass., on Tuesday.

> "There is more anger in America today than at any time that I can remember."
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> —SEN. ARLEN SPECTER

Many conservatives agree that the depth of anger is unusual, but insist that it is understandable as well — with the health care issue overlapping with worries about the economy.

"People are frustrated," said Mat Staver, president of Liberty Counsel, a Florida-based Christian legal group. "Rather than just listening, they want to be heard, and they feel Washington isn't listening to them."

At some of the meetings, politicians and their critics have engaged in substantive dialogue over health care policy and other issues. At other times, the exchanges have been curt.

"On what planet do you spend most of your time?" Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts asked a woman Tuesday when she held up a poster depicting Obama with a Hitler-style mustache.

Andrew Kohut, who oversees public opinion surveys as president of the Pew Research Center, says the health care debate has fueled intense anti-government sentiment in some quarters.

"I also think the conservatives are frustrated politically — they don't feel they have a leader," Kohut said. "They're worried about a government takeover of health care and feeling not so empowered with a strong Democratic Congress. All these things lead to a summer of intense points of view." (AP)

COLLEGES We're Both No. 1! Perennial contenders Harvard and Princeton share the top spot in the latest edition of the U.S. News & World Report university rankings. Williams heads the list of liberal arts colleges and Dartmouth wins a new category ranking commitment to undergraduate teaching. Last year, Princeton surrendered the top spot to Harvard after eight-straight years at No. 1. The Ivy League rivals are followed by No. 3 Yale and a four-way tie for No. 4: Cal Tech, MIT, Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania. (AP)

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Poll: Afghan War Not Worth Costs

New Post-ABC survey finds few support an increase in U.S. forces

A majority of Americans now see the war in Afghanistan as not worth fighting and just a quarter say more U.S. troops should be sent to the country, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

Most have confidence in the ability of the United States to meet its primary goals — defeating the Taliban, facilitating effective economic development and molding an honest and effective Afghan government — but very few say Thursday's elections there are likely to produce such a government.

When it comes to the baseline question, 42 percent of Americans say the U.S. is winning in Afghanistan; about as many, 36 percent, say it is losing the fight.

DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

U.S. troops help evacuate a wounded soldier in Afghanistan on Wednesday.

45

The percentage of people surveyed who want to decrease the size of military forces in Afghanistan.

The new poll comes amid widespread speculation that the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, will request more troops for his stepped-up effort to root the Taliban from Afghan towns and villages. That is a position that gets the backing of 24 percent of those polled, while nearly twice as many, 45 percent, want to decrease the size of military forces there.

Overall, seven in 10 Democrats say the war has not been worth its costs, and fewer than one in five support an increase in troop levels. Nearly two-thirds of the most committed Democrats now feel "strongly" that the war was not worth fighting. Among moderate and conservative Democrats, a slim majority say the United States is losing in Afghanistan. JENNIFER AGIESTA AND JON COHEN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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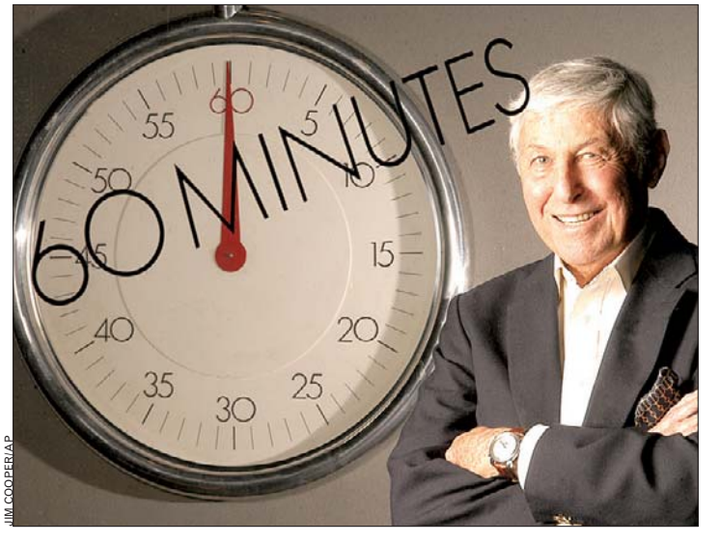

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The death of Don Hewitt, above, at age 86 from pancreatic cancer on Wednesday came one month after another CBS legend, anchor Walter Cronkite, passed away.

'60 Minutes' Chief Hewitt Dies at 86

TV pioneer was the driving force behind hit CBS news show

NEW YORK | Don Hewitt, a TV news pioneer who created "60 Minutes" and produced the popular CBS newsmagazine for 36 years, died Wednesday. He was 86.

He died of pancreatic cancer at his Bridgehampton home, CBS said. His death came a month after that of fellow CBS legend Walter Cronkite.

Hewitt joined CBS News in television's infancy in 1948 and produced the first televised presidential debate in 1960.

His lasting legacy took shape in the late 1960s when CBS agreed to try his idea of a one-hour broadcast that mixed hard news and feature stories. The television newsmagazine was born on Sept. 24, 1968, when the "60 Minutes" stopwatch began ticking.

He dreamed of a television version of Life, the dominant magazine of the mid-20th century, where interviews with entertainers could coexist with investigations that exposed corporate malfeasance.

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"The formula is simple," he wrote in a memoir in 2001, "and it's reduced to four words every kid in the world knows: Tell me a story. It's that easy."

"60 Minutes" won 73 Emmys, 13 DuPont/Columbia University Awards and nine Peabody Awards during Hewitt's stewardship, which ended in 2004. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

78 **THE LIFE EXPECTANCY,** in years, for Americans, according to a new U.S. report. The new high is attributed to a drop in death rates in most leading causes of death. (AP)

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World

In Brief

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Reports: Ailing Lockerbie Bomber to Be Released

A decision has been reached in the case of Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi and will be announced Thursday, the Scottish government said. British news networks reported that he would be released on compassionate grounds. Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill said he had informed the families of the victims that he decided what to do with the terminally ill al-Megrahi and would make a formal announcement Thursday. (AP)

ATTA KENARE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Syrian President Bashar Assad, left, shakes hand with Iran's president.

TEHRAN, IRAN

Iran, Syria Reinforce Ties

Iran's supreme leader called his country's alliance with Syria a symbol of resistance in the Middle East on Wednesday, seeking to reinforce a key relationship as Tehran fends off continued criticism over its response to post-election unrest. Visiting Syrian President Bashar Assad exemplified that resistance by criticizing foreign countries for provoking the massive protests that followed Iran's disputed June presidential election. (AP)

TUNIS, TUNISIA

Health Official: 12-Baby Pregnancy Is a Farce

A Tunisian woman's claim of being pregnant with 12 babies is a farce, a health official said Wednesday. Dr. Mongi Hamrouni, head of the ministry's public health department, said he was "more than 99 percent" sure the woman claiming to be expecting six boys and six girls has a mental problem. (AP)

High Stakes in Afghan Vote

KEVIN FRAYER/AP

An Afghan policeman stands guard near election posters in Kabul Wednesday. The Taliban have threatened to attack voters.

MEET THE TOP CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	CREDENTIALS	CONTROVERSIES	PLATFORM
Abdullah Abdullah	An ophthalmologist, Abdullah, 48, was Karzai's foreign minister until 2006. Analysts say he could force Karzai into a runoff.	Abdullah's ties to anti-Taliban leader Ahmad Shah Massoud could be a liability with those who see Massoud as a warlord. Abdullah has suggested he would lose only if Karzai steals votes.	Abdullah advocates reducing government corruption and changing the government to a parliamentary system.
Ashraf Ghani	The American-educated anthropologist and ex-World Bank official was the finance minister in Karzai's government until 2004.	Recent reports circulated that Ghani and Karzai — and possibly the U.S. — arranged a backroom deal to give Ghani an executive position in Karzai's government if Ghani dropped out of the race.	Ghani, 60, who's being advised by James Carville, wants to eliminate corruption and improve women's rights.
Hamid Karzai	Karzai, the Afghan leader since the Taliban's 2001 ouster, won his five-year presidency in 2004 with 55 percent of the vote.	The president came under fire after welcoming home warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum, who is accused of mass atrocities. Rivals say Karzai hasn't done enough to end violence and corruption.	Karzai, 51, has pledged to pursue peace talks with Taliban militants if he wins re-election.

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

FRAUD ALLEGATIONS

Various reports have suggested Afghanistan's election will be tainted by corruption.

THOUSANDS OF voting cards were for sale ahead of the election — some for about $10 each, the BBC said.

MANY MORE WOMEN than men have registered to vote. In some provinces, Afghan males registered up to 15 women per household, The Associated Press said.

THE AFGHAN ELECTORAL commission — whose head was named by Karzai without parliamentary oversight — could also swing the results, Humans Rights Watch said.

BY THE NUMBERS

With 36 official candidates running for president, the balloting is a sizeable undertaking for the country of an estimated 33.6 million people.

7,000
The approximate number of polling centers across Afghanistan.

700
The approximate number of polling centers that may not open due to security fears.

3,000
The number of donkeys being used to carry election materials in remote areas.

Violence, corruption loom over a crucial presidential election

KABUL | Threats of Taliban violence and rumors of fraud cast a shadow over Afghanistan's election, in which millions of voters will choose a new president Thursday to lead a nation plagued by armed insurgency, drugs, corruption and a feeble government.

International officials predict an imperfect outcome for a vote that they hope Afghans will accept as credible — a key component of President Obama's war strategy.

On the eve of the poll, the U.S. military announced the deaths of six more Americans — putting August on track to become the deadliest month for American forces since the war began in 2001.

President Hamid Karzai, who has held power since the Taliban were ousted eight years ago, is favored to finish first among 36 official candidates, although a surge by former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah could force a runoff if no one wins more than 50 percent of the vote.

Voter turnout — especially in the insurgency-plagued Pashtun south — is likely to be crucial not only to Karzai's chances but also to public acceptance of the results.

But turnout may be affected by the Taliban campaign of intimidation — whispered threats, posted warnings and a wave of attacks in Kabul — aimed at frightening Afghans from going to the polls.

"The Taliban control our area, and they have already warned us that they will cut off our fingers or kill us if we vote," said Abdul Majid, 25, a shop owner in Ghazni city. "I don't want to vote." JASON STRAZIUSO AND ROBERT H. REID (AP)

Election Updates: For complete coverage of Afghanistan's presidential vote, visit **washingtonpost.com/afghanelections.**

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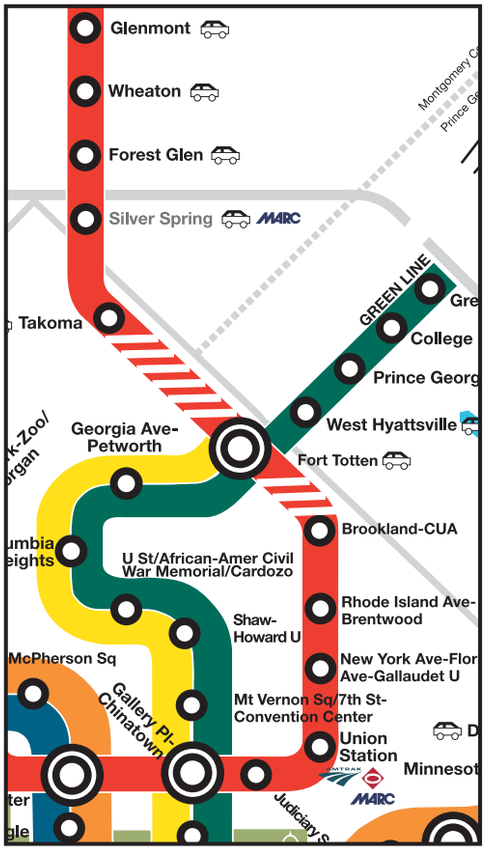

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World

KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Smoke billows near the Iraqi Foreign Ministry building, left, after a wave of deadly bombings in Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday.

Blasts Tear Through Iraq

Near-simultaneous bombings kill at least 95 people in Baghdad

BAGHDAD | A truck bomb exploded across the street from Iraq's Foreign Ministry near the Green Zone Wednesday, knocking out concrete slabs and windows, and leaving a mass of charred cars outside as a wave of explosions across Baghdad killed at least 95 people and wounded more than 400.

A suicide truck bomber also targeted the Finance Ministry minutes earlier in the deadliest apparently coordinated attack in Iraq so far this year — a major challenge to Iraqi control of Baghdad. An escalation of attacks after the June 30 withdrawal of U.S. troops from urban areas has heightened fears that government troops are not ready to provide security.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki blamed Sunni insurgents for the attacks, saying they were taking advantage of government efforts to restore a sense of normalcy by removing concrete blast walls from the main roads in Baghdad. Iraqi security forces have promised they will be gone by mid-September, an attempt to capitalize on a low overall level of violence compared with that of recent years.

Al-Maliki said the Iraqi government must re-evaluate security — the first government acknowledgment of security failings after the recent uptick in violence.

The most devastating strike blackened the facade of the Foreign Ministry, killing at least 59 people and wounding 250, according to police and hospital officials.

SINAN SALEHEDDIN (AP)

VIOLENT STREAK

Deadly attacks have escalated since American troops withdrew from Iraqi cities on June 30.

- **JUNE 30:** Car bombing in Kirkuk kills at least 27 people.
- **JULY 9:** Blasts in Baghdad, Talafar and elsewhere kill 50.
- **AUG. 10:** Wave of bombings in Baghdad and Mosul kill about 50.

S. Korea Abandons Rocket Launch

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | A technical glitch forced South Korea to abort liftoff of its first rocket into space Wednesday, delaying a launch that threatened to heat up tensions with rival North Korea even as it joined in mourning the death of an ex-president who pushed tirelessly for reconciliation.

Both Koreas are eager to develop their space programs and had aimed to launch satellites into space this year. Pyongyang beat Seoul to it with the April liftoff of a rocket it claimed sent a communications satellite into orbit, although experts doubt it succeeded.

South Korea's launch was set for Wednesday from the Naro Space Center off the coast but was aborted less than eight minutes before liftoff, senior Science Ministry official Lee Sang-mok said. (AP)

Money

The Secret's Out at Swiss Bank

UBS agrees to hand over names of 4,450 U.S. clients to IRS

WASHINGTON | The U.S. pulled back the veil on Switzerland's famed tradition of banking secrecy Wednesday, winning an agreement for banking giant UBS AG to disclose the names of 4,450 American clients suspected of hiding assets in Swiss accounts.

The news is expected to prod thousands more UBS clients in America to voluntarily disclose their financial details to the Internal Revenue Service, lest they be pursued later.

CHRIS HONDROS/GETTY IMAGES

UBS agreed to break Switzerland's longtime banking secrecy tradition for the IRS.

The accounts held $18 billion at one time, though many have since been closed, said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman.

The Swiss, known worldwide for keeping bank accounts secret, said UBS had no real choice in turning over the names.

Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf said at a news conference in Bern that the deal lifts the threat of criminal prosecution against UBS, which not only would have endangered the bank's existence but would have dealt a severe blow to the Alpine nation's economy.

"There was no alternative to this solution," she said. (AP)

Jump in Energy Demand Spurs Late Stock Rise

NEW YORK | The stock market extended a streak of erratic trading, rebounding from early losses and rising moderately after a drop in oil inventories lifted hopes for an economic recovery.

News from the government Wednesday that the nation's oil inventory fell by more than 8 million barrels in the past week sent oil prices and stocks higher. Investors bet that energy demand is rising.

According to early estimates, the Dow Jones industrials rose 61, or 0.7 percent, to 9279. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6, or 0.7 percent, to 996. The Nasdaq composite index gained 13, or 0.7 percent, to 1,969. About three stocks rose for every two that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to a light 988 million shares. (AP)

iLike

MYSPACE Big Deal MySpace says it will acquire iLike, the largest music application for social networks, confirming rumors that have been circulating this week. ILike, which has 55 million users, will remain headquartered in Seattle, and its management team will stay intact, with brothers Ali and Hadi Partovi in the top two slots. CEO Owen Van Natta said in a statement that the acquisition "advances our relentless pursuit of innovation and the need to create new distributed social experiences in music and beyond." (AP)

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Local

D.C. to Laud Recreational Healing

Ceremony will mark unveiling of upgrades to Marvin Gaye Park

The National Recreation and Park Association, District officials, and a number of businesses and community organizations will celebrate the unveiling of a new playground at Marvin Gaye Park on Thursday, marking the first time since 1978 that the historic Northeast Washington park has had a major capital improvement.

A ribbon-cutting will take place at 12:30 p.m. at Division Avenue and Marvin Gaye Way NE in honor of the playground.

MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

Marvin Gaye Park in Northeast D.C., which was once dubbed "Needle Park" due to its popularity among drug users, underwent a major transformation recently.

1.6 miles

The length of new hiking and cycling trails set to be unveiled Thursday at Marvin Gaye Park in Northeast D.C.

Once dubbed "Needle Park" for its reputation as a haven for drug users, the park has been undergoing a transformation since the District, with help from private and public organizations, began revitalizing it several years ago.

Along with the playground, the park will boast a revitalized amphitheater, a restored stream, and 1.6 miles of new hiking and bicycling trails. MARTIN RICARD (THE WASHINGTON POST)

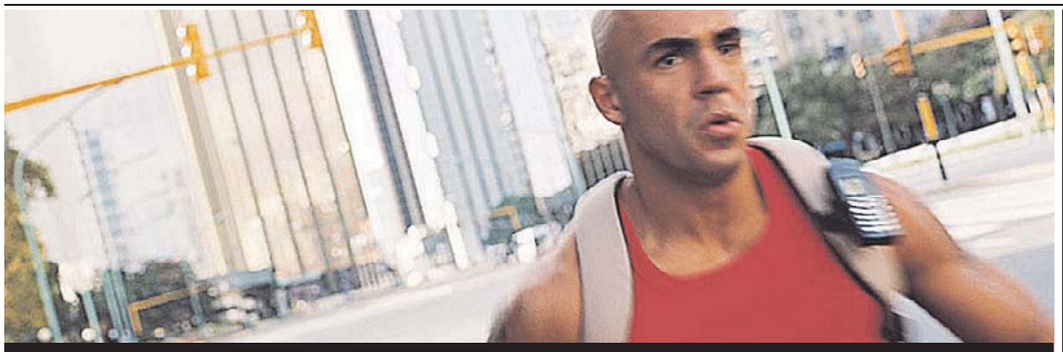
D.C. Pizza Mart Homicide Victim ID'd as Owner

A victim of an apparent homicide, found inside a Northeast Washington pizza restaurant, was identified by police Wednesday as the owner of the business.

The body of Shahabuddin Rana, 44, was discovered about 1 p.m. Tuesday inside the Pizza Mart in the 2300 block of Fourth Street in the Edgewood neighborhood. Police said Rana's death is being treated as a homicide, although investigators are awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of his death.

Rana, who lived in Silver Spring, Md., was found dead by officers who were "flagged down by a concerned citizen" and asked to check on the welfare of the Pizza Mart owner, police said. PAUL DUGGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TRANSIT **Business Is Swooning** **Metro said it will close its sales office at the Western Bus Garage at 44th Street NW and Harrison Street in Friendship Heights on Sunday because it is little used and there are sales outlets at a number of retailers in the area. The Western Bus Garage is the fourth sales location Metro has shuttered this summer. In July, it closed the Landover Bus Garage in Hyattsville, the Four Mile Run Bus Garage in Arlington and the Royal Street Bus Garage in Alexandria.** GREG GAUDIO (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Local

Jefferson Checks In Amid Downturn

Remade luxury hotel fights bad timing in bid for guests in D.C.

In March 2007, when the luxury Jefferson Hotel in downtown Washington closed for major renovations, owners didn't anticipate two major problems: structural deterioration that prolonged construction by four months and reopening during a brutal recession.

But officials hope the result will be worth the effort when the rehabbed 1923-era hotel reopens Aug. 31 with a host of new high-end amenities.

A plaster-covered ceiling in what is now the atrium was removed to reveal skylights that were original to the building. Bathrooms have remote-controlled TV screens in the mirrors to allow guests to catch up on the morning news while they're brushing their teeth. Food trays are embedded with computer chips to alert the kitchen staff when guests set them outside their rooms.

"We have spared no cost to make it one of the most attractive hotels in the city," said Franck X. Arnold, managing director of the hotel, which was acquired in 2005 by DC Cap Hotelier.

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

The central lobby's original 1923 skylights were found during renovation.

Such lavish spending was a hallmark of the boom times when the project began, but these days travelers appear to be in a more frugal frame of mind; indeed, luxury hotels are suffering more than their downscale counterparts. So, even with millions invested in upgrades, a big question looms: If you rebuild it, will they come?

"I would prefer to open in better economic times," Arnold added. "We're hopeful [the economy has] bottomed out and in the future we'll see improvement. No hotel ever makes profits two or three years" after opening.

V. DION HAYNES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Aug. 19

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-2-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	5-6-2
Mid-day DC 4	4-5-5-0
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	8-2-5-8
Mid-day D.C. Five	0-4-5-5-6
Evening D.C. Five (Tues.)	7-2-7-0-6
Daily 6 (Tues.)	8-17-18-22-29-38 (24)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-2-2
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	3-0-1
Mid-day Pick 4	9-1-1-2
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	4-4-6-4
Match 5 (Tues.)	15-17-19-25-32 (24)

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	2-3-4
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	6-8-6
Mid-day Pick 4	4-6-1-0
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	2-3-2-8
Mid-day Cash 5	2-7-20-22-28
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	9-10-16-22-33

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Sports

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Usain Bolt blows past the field in the 100-meter dash at the IAAF World Championships in Berlin Sunday. He says he can reach 9.4 seconds — .18 faster than his record.

Has Bolt Hit the Speed Limit?

Record sprint has experts debating how fast humans can go

TRACK AND FIELD | Once the gun sounds, Usain Bolt seems to test the very limits of the race — the human race.

The Jamaican sprinting sensation put on another amazing performance at the world championships Sunday, shattering his own world record in the 100 meters by .11 seconds to take it down to an almost inhuman 9.58 seconds.

Maybe "inhuman" is a bit too strong, but the man is certainly on another level. Sunday's result was the biggest improvement in the 100-meter record since electronic timing began in 1968.

"Personally, I think I have more work to do," Bolt said after winning the 100 title at the same Olympic Stadium where Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Games.

> **"I think** the world records will stop at 9.4."
>
> —USAIN BOLT
> ON HOW FAST THE 100M MIGHT GET

Several researchers have done studies recently to predict how fast a man can run 100 meters. The latest, from Tilburg University in the Netherlands, predicts that someone will eventually be able break the tape at 9.51 seconds.

Bolt, who has set three records at the 100-meter distance with times of 9.72, 9.69 and Sunday's 9.58, is already looking to rip that theory apart. "I said 9.4," Bolt said. "I think the world records will stop at 9.4."

British bookmakers are betting that Bolt will get there. As of Monday, Ladbrokes is giving 3-1 odds that 22-year-old Bolt will run under 9.5 seconds by the end of September.

"You'd have to think he can't keep getting faster, but we wouldn't put it past him," Ladbrokes spokesman Robin Hutchison said in a statement. CHRIS LEHOURITES (AP)

LIGHTNING FAST

Usain Bolt burned up the track during Wednesday's 200-meter semifinals, looking sharp for an assault on a second world record at the world championships.

➜ On the eve of his second medal race, Bolt thrived in 80-degree heat in Berlin, running hard on the curve before closing it down just past the halfway mark and strolling past the line in 20.08 seconds. Bolt tried to play down expectations of setting a record every time he lines up in a final. "I really have not done the same amount of work like I did for the 100," Bolt said.

FAST TIMES | MILESTONES IN THE 100-METER DASH

1912 American sprinter Donald Lippincott was the first "fastest man in the world" by finishing in 10.6 seconds.

1968 Jim Hines finally broke the 10-second barrier on June 20 with a time of 9.9 seconds at the Mexico City Olympics.

1991 Carl Lewis broke 9.9 seconds 23 years after Hines, running 9.86.

2009 Usain Bolt shatters his 9.69 record with a 9.58-second showing in Berlin.

NATIONALS **Meet Stephen Strasburg** It'll cost just a dollar to get a glimpse of the Washington Nationals' new $15 million man. The Washington Nationals are offering at least 2,000 tickets for $1 apiece for Friday's game against the Milwaukee Brewers — a matchup that will be preceded by an on-field news conference with No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg at 2 p.m. All game tickets will allow fans to get into Nationals Park as early as 1:30 p.m., about 5 .5 hours before the scheduled first pitch. (AP)

In Brief

STU FORSTER/GETTY IMAGES

Caster Semenya's gender was being questioned before the 800-meter run.

TRACK AND FIELD

Racer Blocks Out Gender Controversy, Wins Race

South African teenager Caster Semenya shook off a gender-test controversy to win the 800 meters at the world championships with a dominating run. The 18-year-old took the lead halfway through the race and won in 1 minute, 55.45 seconds. The world track and field federation requested the gender test on Semenya amid speculation she does not meet the requirements to compete as a woman. (AP)

NHL

Chicago's Kane Indicted

Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita III says Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane was indicted by a grand jury Wednesday on misdemeanor assault and theft charges in connection with an attack on cabdriver over a fare dispute in Buffalo, N.Y. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN2) The Nats host the Rockies in the series finale.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) The Birds and Rays battle in an AL East duel.

SOCCER (10 P.M. ON ESPN2) The New England Revolution visits the Seattle Sounders.

TRACK (1:30 P.M. ON VERSUS) Will Usain Bolt set a world record in the 200-meter run?

TENNIS (NOON AND 7 P.M. ON ESPN2) A star-studded field is at the Western and Southern Financial Group Masters in Cincinnati.

Davis Set to Get a Grip on Reality

Redskins TE needs to regain coach's trust with improved hands

REDSKINS | No player has had to work harder to gain the trust of the coaching staff than pass-catching tight end Fred Davis.

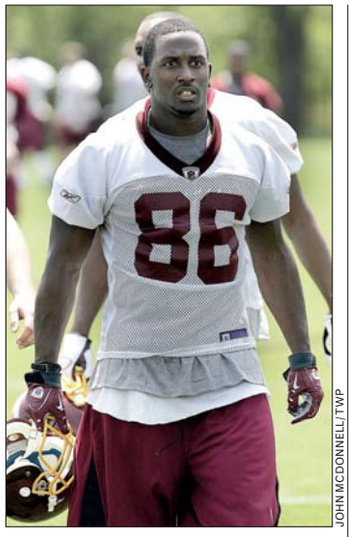
As a rookie, the former Southern California all-American caused a stir when he missed the final day of the 2008 minicamp and had to be located by team security personnel. Davis also struggled to learn coach Jim Zorn's playbook, prompting Zorn to scale back his plans to use Davis and Pro Bowler Chris Cooley in many two-tight end sets last season.

Davis, however, impressed coaches with his approach in offseason workouts and continued to exhibit an improved understanding of his role during camp.

Excited about having expanded responsibilities in the offense this season, Davis eagerly anticipated last week's preseason opener against the Baltimore Ravens.

But Davis fumbled twice and the Ravens recovered one of the balls. That's a quick way to have the coaching staff lose confidence in you, and Davis said he's determined to avoid that path again after having worked so hard to regain credibility with Zorn and the staff.

"I've thought about it," said Davis, who had two receptions for 17 yards. "But now I'm done thinking about it, and I just have to make sure to hold onto the ball. I just have to make sure it's not a habit."



JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Davis fumbled twice during the Redskins' preseason loss to the Ravens.

Davis intends to do a better job with the ball in his hands Saturday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers at FedEx Field.

"It's already something [other teams] notice on film," he said. "One [ball] was stripped and the other one ... I just tried to make a play before I got a good hold of the ball. I tried to make a first down, but you have to catch the ball before you go. That's what you have to do." JASON REID (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Smoltz Agrees To Cards Deal, Will Start Sunday

MLB | John Smoltz agreed to a deal with the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, giving the 42-year-old former ace a chance to rejuvenate his career in the middle of a pennant race.

Smoltz

Smoltz joined the NL Central leaders shortly after he cleared waivers, following his release by Boston. He was 2-5 with an 8.33 ERA with the Red Sox.

The Cardinals hope Smoltz can either fill a void as the fifth starter or provide right-handed relief in the bullpen. Detroit, the Los Angeles Dodgers, Texas and Florida also were said to be interested in signing the longtime Atlanta star. (AP)

7 **THE NUMBER OF WASHINGTON CAPITALS GAMES** that will be nationally televised during the 2009-2010 season, according to an announcement by Versus Wednesday. NBC, which will operate under a flexible schedule for eight of the network's regular-season dates, has five potential Washington games to pick from. In addition to the U.S. broadcasts, 17 Caps games will be televised nationally in Canada on CBC and TSN. (EXPRESS)

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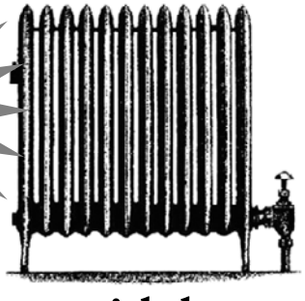

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Sports

Mystics' Hopes on the Line

Washington falls out of the playoff picture due to foul shooting

MYSTICS | Lindsey Harding had been there before.

In 2007, with her team down by one point with .1 seconds left in a NCAA Tournament game, Harding missed two foul shots and her Duke squad suffered a heartbreaking Sweet Sixteen loss.

On Tuesday night in L.A., down by one with 11 seconds remaining, the star point guard stepped to the line again with a chance to tie the game. Her attempt rolled off the rim, and the 12-13 Mystics — the worst free-throw shooting team in the WNBA — fell to the Sparks.

Washington has lost consecutive games at the foul line: In Sunday's 60-59 setback to New York, the Mystics shot just 50 percent from the stripe before being done in by a 3-point play by the opposition.

GUS RUELAS/AP

A loss to the Los Angeles Sparks on Tuesday left the Mystics under .500.

With just nine regular-season games left, the Mystics have lost four of five and suddenly are on the outside of the playoff picture looking in.

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The Mystics' shooting percentage from the foul line in a one-point loss to the New York Liberty last Sunday.

"We do practice free throws, believe it or not," said Mystics coach Julie Plank, whose team has back-to-back road games this weekend. And her team shoots a high percentage from the line — when it doesn't count.

Even center Nakia Sanford, the team's worst foul shooter, regularly shoots upward of 70 percent in practice. "It's a mental thing. It's a confidence thing. People get uptight," Plank said.

"[Foul shooting] is a problem, but I don't want to focus on that," Harding said. "For me, the harder I focus on making a free throw, the more chance there is that I'm going to miss it. It is a problem."

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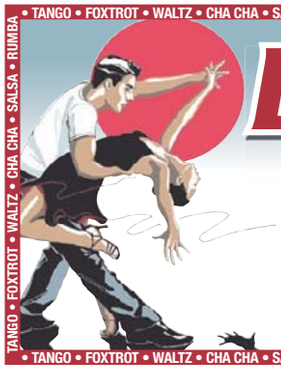

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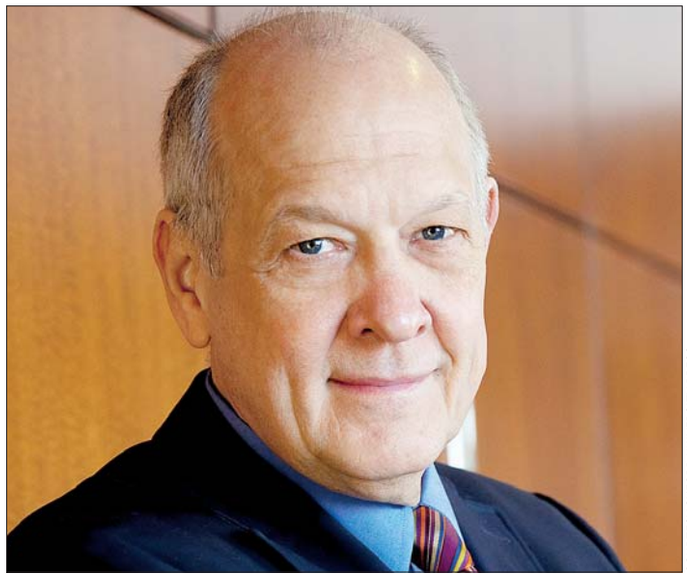

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Alex S. Jones

AUTHOR OF "LOSING THE NEWS"

Harvard professor Alex S. Jones has written a book, "Losing the News: The Future of the News That Feeds Democracy," which is actually a backward-looking tour of the historical evolution of the American press — with detailed breakdowns of the First Amendment and its subsequent litigation, the meaning of objectivity, various business models and the like. Jones is a newspaper family scion with a deep background in journalism, but he dclines to chart a path forward for the news, instead writing a paean for it.

Your book mentions the reporters who exposed the corruption of ex-congressman Duke Cunningham, won a Pulitzer and lost their jobs in short order. That's really telling.

It's stories like that, repeated again and again and again, that prompted me to write this book. The people who do the kind of journalism that those reporters did are the people who provide the factual news that we have our national conversation about and is the core of the mechanism we have for governing ourselves. Power needs to be watched. When newspapers lose the muscle to do that kind of reporting, we suffer as a society.

So many people visit a newspaper's Web site but don't buy the newspaper. Do you see that as the main problem?

The problem is to find a way to continue to pay for high-quality journalism. The Web is going to make it very difficult to charge for news. People will not pay for something that they think they ought to be able to get for free. Newspapers [have to] trim their operational costs to be reflective of the new reality and more modest profit-margin expectations. It will be something that is more stripped-down. It is not necessarily going to be *as* profitable. But it can be a profitable enterprise, nonetheless.

Are most newspapers in the red now?

Most newspapers around this country are making a profit. They're not making very much of one, but in this economy, that's remarkable.

You write that Patrick Fitzgerald's prosecution of Scooter Libby may "have delivered a devastating blow to serious investigative reporting." Can you expound on that?

Investigative reporting is always done in the face of powerful entities that do not want the information disclosed. And that often means that you have to rely on anonymous sources. If you're forced to give up those sources, the likelihood that you can get people to give you that information goes down.

> **People will** not pay for something that they think they ought to be able to get for free."

Until that case, the courts had gone along with a compromise that essentially gave reporters the right to keep their sources secret unless there was an urgent, compelling reason to divulge those sources. Fitzgerald argued that there was protection whatsoever. What we've seen since is that the courts are much more likely to demand the names of anonymous sources from reporters. TIM FOLLOS

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Dimes Pay It Forward

Mostly Dimes' punk protest songs are right at home in D.C.

MUSIC | Seattle folk-punk quintet Mostly Dimes, having proved their mettle on friendly hometown turf, recently decided to book their first big tour on the East Coast.

Most of the group's members, including frontman Tom Baisden, are D.C.-area expatriates and figure their personalized protest songs will resonate with regional music lovers' political proclivities.

But when Baisden says, "All the guys in the band are coming from the same place," he is mostly talking in terms of musical inspiration. Each member has a punk-rock past and all particularly admire the righteous rebelliousness of D.C. hardcore heroes Fugazi.

COURTESY MOSTLY DIMES

The D.C.-area expats also share a passion for politicalized music with punk roots.

"Lyrically, our ethic is along those lines," says Baisden. "The heart of the band is an attempt to try and overcome what we grew up on — watching 'Red Dawn' 85 times, believing our country was doing the right thing always."

Musically, Mostly Dimes is more brash than thrash, forgoing ear-shattering assaults in favor of half-acoustic quiet storm. The group's sound stew of finger-picked strings, horns and disorderly drums is both bold and beatnik cool. But Baisden says the band always aims to give an energetic live performance.

"We're anti-loud by necessity, but also slightly obsessed with old blues music," says Baisden. While not conducive to ringtones, Mostly Dimes' music is politically charged and present. JOHNATHAN RICKMAN

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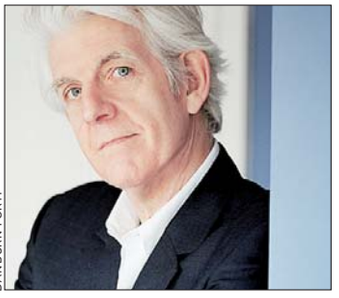

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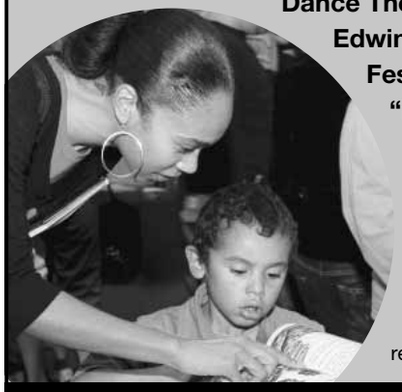

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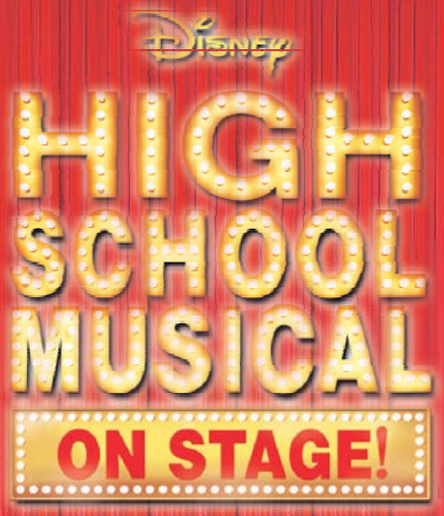

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Kelley Deal, Jose Medeles, Kim Deal and Mando Lopez make up gritty Boston-based rock band the Breeders, who have kept their "Cannonball" momentum rolling.

Rock's Sibling Revelry

Breeders sisters Kim and Kelley Deal cope with life as indie-rock legends

MUSIC | While alt-rock legends the Pixies are back together and going strong — they'll be hitting D.C. later this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their album "Doolittle" — it's worth noting the Pixies' most famous side project is also still going strong and coming to D.C.

Although she'd co-written and sung lead vocals on the band's first single, "Gigantic" (which Kurt Cobain called his favorite Pixies song), bassist Kim Deal was feeling creatively frustrated and used a post-"Doolittle" band hiatus to switch to guitar and form the Breeders with Throwing Muses guitarist Tanya Donelly.

In a sort of creative full circle, not only did they sign to the Pixies' label, 4AD, and hire Pixies producer Steve Albini for their 1990 debut, "Pod," but Cobain then deemed "Pod" one of his favorite albums.

Donelly left after 1992's "Safari" EP to form Belly, but by that time Kim had already recruited her twin sister, Kelley, as a third guitarist. It wasn't a huge stretch, considering the sisters had previously formed a band called the Breeders as teenagers, and Kelley had almost become the Pixies' drummer in the '80s.

Their 1993 album, "Last Splash," yielded the modern rock hits "Cannonball" and "Divine Hammer," thanks to heavy MTV rotation. As the Pixies had formally broken up, the Breeders became Kim Deal's full-time gig.

Kelley's 1995 drug bust and subsequent rehab forced her to leave the band, but she came back in time for 2002's "Title TK" and to play at the Bronze on an episode of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." (The "Buffy" theme was a live staple back then; Kelley Deal says they no longer play it.)

Now, both Deals are doing a mini-tour to promote their latest EP, "Fate to Fatal," a four-song mix of droning guitar, power chords and the occasional grungy yelp. While their video for "Cannonball" featured a single rolling ball, the title track's new video features a whole St. Louis roller derby team.

"We did it really DIY, just a couple thousand dollars for travel and editing," says Kelley Deal. "And the girls skated like dogs for eight hours that day; they were great!"

The local leagues in each town have been invited to hand out flyers at the gigs. "In a strange way, derby is like local bands," Deal explains. "There's camaraderie, and it's healthy and it's a really positive force. But at the same time, you look at them and think, 'Where *do* these people come from?'"

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The song "Pinnacle Hollow" comes from the band's grunge and sister-harmony roots, not to mention its literal roots.

"My mother was born there, though in West Virginia, they call them 'hollers', says Deal. "It's a really good meander [song]."

Other influences for the EP include Bob Marley and, as Deal days, "I was listening to 'Decade' by Neil Young, and also the Band. All this mature-dude North Americana rock."

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As for the live show, Deal says to expect a lot of early material.

"We have sold millions of records, and people know our music. ... People do call out early songs from 'Pod' and not just 'Divine Hammer' and 'Cannonball.' Also, "there's no 'no Pixies' policy, and we have whipped out 'Gigantic' before.

"One of the things we're doing this tour," she continues, "is playing strange things like 'Hoverin',' which is this noise-rock fest. And it makes it fun for us; I don't think I'd played that live since 1994."

Speaking of fun, does having your sister in the band make for a more collaborative environment?

"It does help that we're family," admits Deal.

Well, yeah, but so are Oasis' Liam and Noel Gallagher.

"And yet they're still in the same band and they will always be, because they're brothers. It gives you an allowance — if that was a dude he wasn't related to, he'd say, 'I'm outta here!' So there is some leeway for bad behavior and tolerance of foibles."

Like any siblings, they bring out the best and the worst in each other.

"Absolutely," Deal agrees. "But my big joke is: You can't fire me; I'll tell Dad." PAUL STELTER

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COURTESY ROMOPR

As Vandaveer, Rose Guerin and Mark Charles Heidinger play atmospheric, darkly lyrical folk rock with a literary shimmer.

Playing the Past

Local indie-folkers Vandaveer look to old ideas for fresh music on a new CD

LOCAL HEROES | You can hear a lot of the past on Vandaveer's second album, "Divide & Conquer." Conjuring leviathans of old, Dylan, Faulkner and even Beverly Cleary, the local duo — Mark Charles Heidinger and Rose Guerin — play shimmery acoustic songs that recall '60s Village folk,'70s AM rock and current indie rock in equal measure.

"I feel like I'm a regurgitator of ideas," says Heidinger. "All the good ideas have already been kicked around, so in that respect, I think there probably is a lot of the past on the album."

But it goes deeper than that. Vandaveer is a family name that songwriter Heidinger traces back to his great-grandfather, who served as an Illinois U.S. congressman during the early '40s. "There was always memorabilia from his campaigns kicking around the house when I was growing up, these stately looking things with official seals," says Heidinger. "That name always had a mystique to me."

He formed Vandaveer as a solo respite from his other bands, the Apparitions and These United States.

> **"All the good ideas have already been kicked around, so ... there probably is a lot of the past on the album."**

"I wanted to give the project a name that would allow it to grow and become whatever it wanted to become," he recalls. "So I thought something with some sort of historical connection would make good sense, at least personally."

"Divide & Conquer" aptly showcases Vandaveer's penchant for imaginative lyrics and evocative harmonies. Heidinger is responsible for the former: He writes, arranges, performs and records almost every part on the album.

The harmonies are Guerin's territory. The two met at informal shows; Guerin approached Heidinger and all but demanded to sing his songs. "She's got one of those startlingly powerful voices," he says. "She's almost reserved when she sings with me. At this point, I feel like Vandaveer would be lost without her."

With those ingredients, Vandaveer sounds like a group that will someday have its own long history. STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

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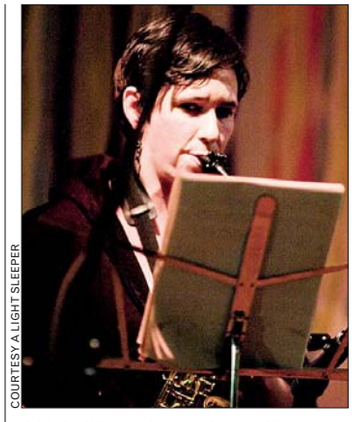
The Far Fringe of Maryland

Hyattsville's the hip spot on Saturday for edgy jazz and folk



COURTESY A LIGHT SLEEPER

A Light Sleeper's sax playerwill get skronky in Hyattsville this weekend.

MUSIC | Fans of fringe jazz and folk music will gather in the heart of Hyattsville's Arts District on Saturday, where Artdc Gallery will host an evening of challenging yet charming sounds.

If the weather holds up, A Light Sleeper, an entrancing chamber-pop trio from Chicago, plans to perform al fresco in front of the center and fill the air with its carefree experimental soundtracks.

Born from the looping experiments of singer-guitarist Dheeru Pennepalli — who brought alto saxophonist Maria Elena Hernandez and drummer Matt Jung into the mix — A Light Sleeper uses both acoustic and electronic instrumentation to skillfully layer sounds that create a delectable baklava of melodies, textures and moods.

More studious noisemaking will emanate from the Low End String Quartet, led by local composer-guitarist Jonathan Matis and featuring Baltimore free-jazz giant Vattel Cherry on double bass.

What are a guitar and bass doing in a string quartet, you ask? "Rocking," says Matis.

"If you think string quartets belong in the background at a wedding, then maybe sit this one out," he says. "But if you're open to something a little heavier ... we might be the stuff."

Rounding out the bill is folk man Garrett DeVoe, aka Pure Horsehair from Brooklyn, with some country vibes to soothe the city soul. JOHNATHAN RICKMAN

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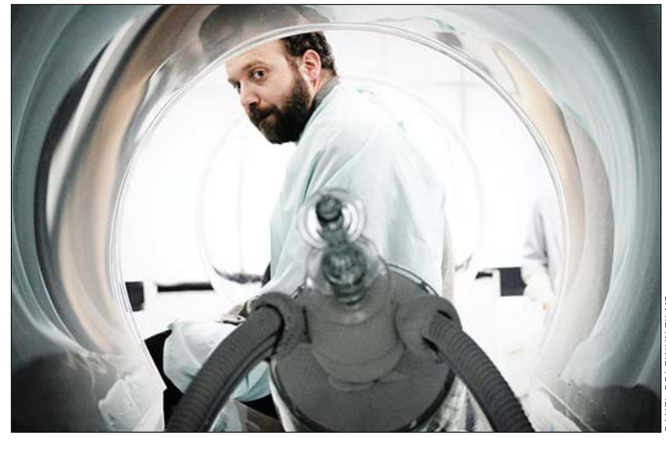
FILM | HOW MUCH?



SAUEL GOLDWYN FILMS

IMPORT/EXPORT: The human soul becomes a hot — well, cool — commodity in Sophie Barthes' surreal comedy "Cold Souls." Paul Giamatti plays an actor caught up in the soul-trafficking underground in this film, which opens on Friday.

Revelation In a Hush

Singer-songwriter Priscilla Ahn (usually) speaks volumes with her mellow pop gems

MUSIC | Years from now, when all the self-absorbed characters on "Grey's Anatomy" are forgotten, the show's legacy may be that it launched the careers of scads of up-and-coming musicians, including Priscilla Ahn.

In early 2008, the 25-year-old Pennsylvanian placed one of her folk-pop songs, "Dream," on the prime-time soap opera before she had ever released a full-length album. By the time her debut, "A Good Day," dropped that spring, she already had something of a built-in cult audience.

Soon, she was appearing on "The Tonight Show," opening for Jason Mraz and being named artist of the week by Paste magazine. She's also received praise in places ranging from People to Filter.

The rush of activity might be taking its toll on Ahn, who is scheduled to play at Iota Sunday. The singer recently came down with a nasty case of laryngitis and could not consent to an interview for this article. She had no voice.

"Because of this laryngitis thing, it's actually harder for me to talk than to sing," she wrote on her Web site's blog. "And so to avoid talking, I sort of have been spending time alone. It's so hard for me to not talk, or respond when I'm with other people."

Ahn's voice troubles got so bad she had to cancel a show in Oregon — an incident that also made it onto one of her blog entries. The irony of this is that if there's any singer you'd think wouldn't be prone to laryngitis, it's Ahn, who seems to almost whisper her songs.

Her intimate vocal style gives her music a dreamy, otherworldly vibe, which makes even upbeat songs such as "Find My Way Back Home" (which she performs on ukulele) seem confessional.

Until her Iota gig, though, Ahn is confined to an itinerary of meds and beds. But at least things are looking up. Her Aug. 11 blog entry reports that a prescription has turned her condition around: "Well, the steroids are working," she noted. "My voice has definitely improved. I can sing high notes now." TONY SCLAFANI

HENRY DILTZ

Priscilla Ahn's dreamy music attracted the attention of the "Grey's Anatomy" producers, but touring recently cost Ahn her voice.

➜ *Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, with Robert Francis; Sun., 8 p.m., $15; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)*

Twists Straight Ahead

Even John Surman's most accessible jazz plays tight and twisty

MUSIC | ECM Records is making a big deal out of saxophonist John Surman's newest disc, "Brewster's Rooter." Surman finds that funny.

While it does lean closer to conventional modern jazz than the extended compositions he's best known for, the Britain-born musician points out that he never really abandoned that style.

"I don't know if [ECM] has forgotten those albums that I did with [bassist and composer] Miroslav Vitous' quartet and the stuff I did with [pianist] Paul Bley," he says.

With a dream-team quartet of drummer Jack DeJohnette, guitarist John Abercrombie, and bassist and D.C. native Drew Gress on board for the disc, "Brewster's Rooster" displays Surman's arid tone and sleek melodic improvisations, and the highly emphatic rhythm section. Except for two tracks, Surman wrote all the material with this quartet in mind.

"It was more the case of me sitting down and pulling some music together that I thought would be open and not pretend that this was a real tight working group," Surman says.

Surman's weekend stint at Blues Alley marks a long-awaited return. The last time he played here was in the early '80s.

"I'm arriving just in time," Surman jokes. "Otherwise, they would have had to bring me out in a wheelchair if Washington, D.C., waited any longer." JOHN MURPH

ROBERT LEWIS

John Surman, left, with John Abercrombie, Drew Gress and Jack DeJohnette.

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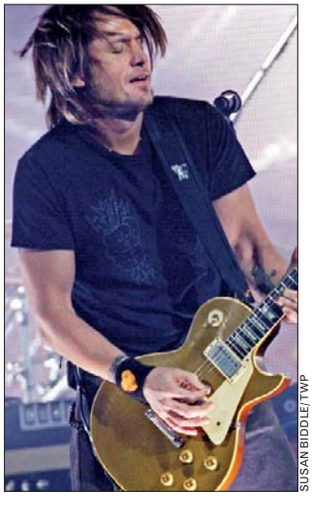


SUSAN BIDDLE/TWP

URBAN LIVING: Country cutie Keith Urban is as adept with a ballad as he is with beer hall-burning rock. He hits the Verizon Center with Sugarland (but not his wife, Nicole something) on Thursday.

Horror Films, Lone Star Style

Horror goes back to the grindhouse with the willfully trashy 'Wild Man of Navidad'

DVD | The 1970s were the heyday of the horror genre, not because Hollywood was making better pictures, but because regional and independent filmmakers scrapped the tropes of studio frights and devised new ways to scare the hell out of viewers.

Charles B. Pierce's drive-in classic "The Legend of Boggy Creek," Tobe Hooper's "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," and "Friday the 13th" have cast long shadows, even if today their influence lives on primarily in staid studio remakes.

Credit Justin Meeks and Duane Graves — young, Austin-based filmmakers with a slew of horror shorts behind them — with reviving that era while avoiding film-geek gestures or big-budget appropriations. "The Wild Man of the Navidad" recaptures the grotty glory of the 1970s.

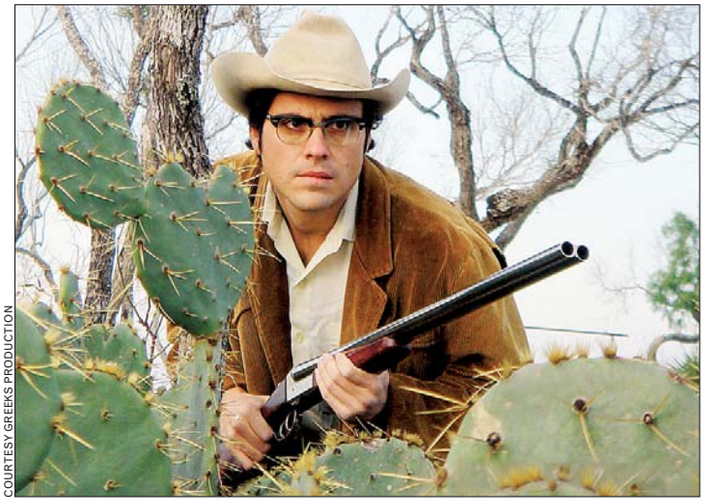
Meeks and Graves set their story in the same Texas backwater that gave "Massacre" its terrifying atmosphere, but "Wild Man" borrows liberally from the quasi-documentary style Pierce adopted for "Boggy Creek."

It's self-consciously trashy fare, with an understanding that straight-to-DVD is the new B-movie.

Meeks stars as Dale S. Rogers, a small-town loser who owns 600 acres of creekbed along the Navidad River, but refuses to open it for hunting. Among the locals, rumors and questions abound: Is there a Sasquatch roaming that land, or something worse?

This is self-consciously trashy fare, but with an understanding that straight-to-DVD is the new B-movie. So, by design, the film stock is cheap, the acting stiff, the writing blunt and creaky, the plot riddled with bullet holes. The gore appears to be scraps from the local butcher, and the "monster" looks like either a steroidal Ewok or Sweetums from the Muppets.

That cheapness is part of its appeal, allowing Meeks and Graves to emphasize local color and landscape. Between scenes, they scatter still-photography interstitials of empty plains, rusted-out engines, collapsing fences — the ruins of a civilization long dead. Only moderately scary, "The Wild Man of the Navidad" is ambitious in its nostalgia. STEPHEN M. DEUSNER



COURTESY GREEKS PRODUCTION

"The Wild Man of Navidad" recalls '70s horror but remains rooted in the regional.

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IMAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Riifftrax's funnymen make fun of "the worst movie ever made" Thursday night.

Talking Back to Pictures

Mocking movies is a time-honored tradition, so anyone who enjoyed the snarky robots of TV's "Mystery Science Theater 3000" or the new, downloadable avatar of the show, Rifftrax, will want to witness the sarcasm when Rifftrax Live hits local theaters. Michael J. Nelson, Kevin Murphy and Bill Corbett have plenty to say about a color(!) version of "Plan 9 From Outer Space," popularly considered to be the worst film ever made, on Thursday night at seven local theaters. They'll be making with the wisecracks live from the Belcourt Theater in Nashville, Tenn.

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Talking Pictures

The Goethe-Institut celebrates German sound movies of the 1930s and '40s in a running through the end of August. This Monday's screening is of Josef von Baky's 1943 "Münchhausen," an ebullient adventure tale detailing the too-exciting-to-be-true exploits and travels of the Baron Münchhausen, who entertainingly lied his way through life. German speakers will want to listen closely to catch the underhanded taunts and jabs screenwriter Erich Kästner — who wrote the film under a pseudonym — directs at the Nazi regime.

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Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | District 9

This allegorical thrill ride is a sci-fi-fueled indictment of man's inhumanity to man and the non-human — horribly familiar and transfixing. JOHN ANDERSON

2 | G.I. Joe

This toy-based action movie is the loudest, flashiest and silliest blockbuster in a summer full of long, silly, flashy, loud blockbusters. DAN KOIS

3 | The Time Traveler's Wife

In one sense, this romantic tearjerker is about men who leave. But in another sense, the central conflict is a metaphor for the obstacles that pop up in every relationship. JOHN ANDERSON

COLUMBIA TRISTAR

WE COME IN PEACE: Aliens find Earth inhospitable, to say the least, in "District 9."

4 | Julie & Julia

As the film toggles between inspiring chef Julia Child and insipid blogger Julie Powell, it becomes clear that the two characters are hopelessly mismatched. ANN HORNADAY

5 | G-Force

A dispiriting primer on the low regard Hollywood has for the intelligence and curiosity of children. DAN KOIS

6 | The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard

There are laughs to be had in this sloppy compendium of filthy jokes and lowbrow sight gags, but most often they're cheap and easy, delivered to shock. ANN HORNADAY

7 | Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

This might be the most enjoyable Harry Potter movie yet for people who don't particularly care about Harry Potter movies. DAN KOIS

8 | Ugly Truth

This delightful Mars-Venus skirmish set in a TV newsroom is rom-com writ large. RUTH MCCANN

9 | Ponyo

Hayao Miyazaki's new animated film offers intense moviegoing pleasure to the very young, the very old and everyone in between. DAN KOIS

10 | (500) Days of Summer

This satisfying meta-romance visits the terrain so many of us bungle through: real life. DESSON THOMSON

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Wanda Sykes, known for her dry delivery and way with a raised eyebrow, brings new comedic material to the Warner Theatre.

She Has Opinions

Comic and actress Wanda Sykes lets loose on motherhood, Obama and her hair

COMEDY | "Any time I put my foot back in D.C., it's exciting. This is where I started stand-up."

Wanda Sykes has been busy. She's got a new wife, a popular television show ("The New Adventures of Old Christine") and newborn twins to take care of between sets. She's playing at the Warner Theatre Friday and Saturday nights.

"I'm in the politicians' backyard. And with the new administration, it's so much more lighthearted for a comedian," she said. "The passion is the same, but it's coming from a different place. Thank God we have something different, to have an administration that's yours somewhat."

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This doesn't mean Sykes has nothing to critique about the government.

"Health care is just, hoo-boy. Are you telling me we can't have a discussion about this now? And what's being told to Americans, it's scary. When you get old people thinking that we're going to put them to death for being old, we've got a problem," she said.

"We have a black president. He's not everyone's vision of what America looks like. But when people call him a Nazi, it scares the crap out of me. Strangest-looking Nazi I've ever seen!"

Sykes switched to a lighter, if more exhausting topic: her bouncing babies. "I'm tired, and let's leave it at that," she said.

Sykes is cautious but optimistic about her new life as a mother and openly gay performer.

"There are times you just think, 'Whoa. I'm 45 and a mom?' When my kids are in college, hopefully I'll be able to get a nice nursing home in the same town. We'll have matching mini-fridges," she said.

"But it took that long to get to be me and live as I really am and not care who I really am and to be me. It takes a long time. As a little kid, I wore a curly Afro. That's not what I wanted.

"We're still working on my hair."

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1 Snapping Around

It's an annual tradition — the best of young German photographers goes on display at Goethe-Institut. "Gute Aussichten: Young German Photographers 2008/2009" runs through Sept. 2 and deals with subjects ranging from nature to the city to foreign countries (including Iran, above left) to the sexual lives of the elderly (above right).

➜ *Goethe-Institut, 812 7th NW; through Sept. 2, 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

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COURTESY ART LEAGUE GALLERY

2 Garofalo: Short & Sassy

Comedian and actress Janeane Garofalo has been on top of this crazy thing we call pop culture for 20 years, and her observations have never been less than razor sharp. The punk-pop mistress of snark brings her act to the 9:30 Club on Friday night.

➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with Al Madrigal, Fri., 8 p.m., $35; 800-955-5566, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

3 A Hot Taste of New Orleans

New Orleans musician Henry Butler can play it all on his magic piano — blues, gospel, rock, funk and that indefinable Big Easy stew of bad women and good times that has no name. He shakes the roof at Blues Alley on Thursday night. Wear a sturdy hat.

➜ *Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; Thu., 8 & 10 p.m., $25; 202-337-4141, bluesalley.com.*

4 A Tip o' the Hat to Douglas

He's very much alive, but Michael Douglas earned an AFI Life Achievement Award Retrospective. AFI Silver showcases the actor's work through Sept. 2. This weekend's highlight is "Wonder Boys," the adaptation of Michael Chabon's novel about smart, unhappy folks.

➜ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road,Silver Spring, through Sept. 2, 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)*

5 Spreading Out Far and Wide

The Art League Gallery celebrates people-free views with "'Scapes — International Landscape Show." This group show features artwork inspired by all kinds of environments, including the beachy, above. The show, "Taking Form," runs concurrently with "'Scapes."

➜ *Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria, 703-683-1780, artleague.org. (King Street)*

COMPILED BY Express' Arion Berger. Read more of our picks every day — and find out what's coming up this weekend — at **expressnightout.com/topstops.**

The Scene

Sound

➜ THURSDAY

Birchmere: Avant, 7:30 p.m., $29.50.

Black Cat: Vandaveer, Roofwalkers, John Bustine, 8:30 p.m., $10.

DC9: Bonjour Ganesh, Alex the Red Robert Parez, Idea Track, 9 p.m., $8.

Iota: Jukebox Serenade with Amateur Hour, 9 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: Todd Wright, Dana Wells, 8 p.m., $10.

Jaxx: Pretty Baby Floyd, Baby Jayne, Punk Rogers, 8 p.m., $12.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Jeff Aug, 6 p.m., free.

Nissan Pavilion: Creed, 7:30 p.m., $10-$85.

Red and the Black: Sarah Rabdau and the Self-Employed Assassins, Vulture Whale, 9 p.m., $6.

The Rock and Roll Hotel: Square Trio, Animal Genital, 8:30 p.m., $10.

Twins Jazz: The Jon Crowley Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: Scarcity of Tanks, Chris Grier, Surferblood, 9 p.m., $8.

Verizon Center: Keith Urban, Sugarland, 7:30 p.m., $20-$79.50.

Wolf Trap: The Steve Miller Band, 8 p.m., $25-$45.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Janeane Garofalo, Al Madrigal, 8 p.m., $35.

Birchmere: Walter Beasley, 7:30 p.m., $37.50.

Black Cat: The Breeders, the Whispertown 2000, 9 p.m., $20. Close to the Edge with DJ Dredd, $7, 9 p.m.

Bohemian Caverns: Ralph Peterson, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $22.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $6.

Iota: Justin Jones and the Driving Rain with Brandon Butler and Sarah White, $12.

Red and the Black: Stewart Lupton, the Morning Pages, Shapiro, 9 p.m., $8.

The Rock and Roll Hotel: The Killer Balloons, Elementary, Thirteen Towers, Greg Roth and the Bargains,

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9 p.m., $10.

State Theatre: Steady Rollin Bob Margolin Blues, 9 p.m., $16.

Twins Jazz: The Todd Marcus Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $20.

➜ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Chuck Brown with special guests, 8 p.m.

Black Cat: Bliss Dance Party with Will Eastman, Yes Giantess, Codebreaker, Dmerit, 9 p.m., $10.

Bohemian Caverns: Ralph Peterson, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $22.

DC9: The Points, the Ubangis and the Electricutions, 9 p.m., $10.

Jaxx: Localpalooza, 12 p.m., $12.

The Kennedy Center, Millenium Stage: Charles Covington Jr., 6 p.m., free.

Merriweather Music Pavilion: Judas Priest, Whitesnake, Kix, Pop Evil, 7 p.m., $55-$75.

Nissan Pavilion: Crue Fest 2, 4 p.m., $10-$95.

Red and the Black: Mumpsy, Dangerosa, Sirs, Typefighter, 9 p.m., $8.

The Rock and Roll Hotel: Pree, Dizzy Spells, Frau Eva, 9:30 p.m., $10.

State Theatre: Soja, Mambo Sauce, 9 p.m., $25.

Twins Jazz: The Todd Marcus Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $20.

Velvet Lounge: Elkeh, Forquarters Collective, 10 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap National Park: Peter, Paul & Mary, 8 p.m., $22-$40.

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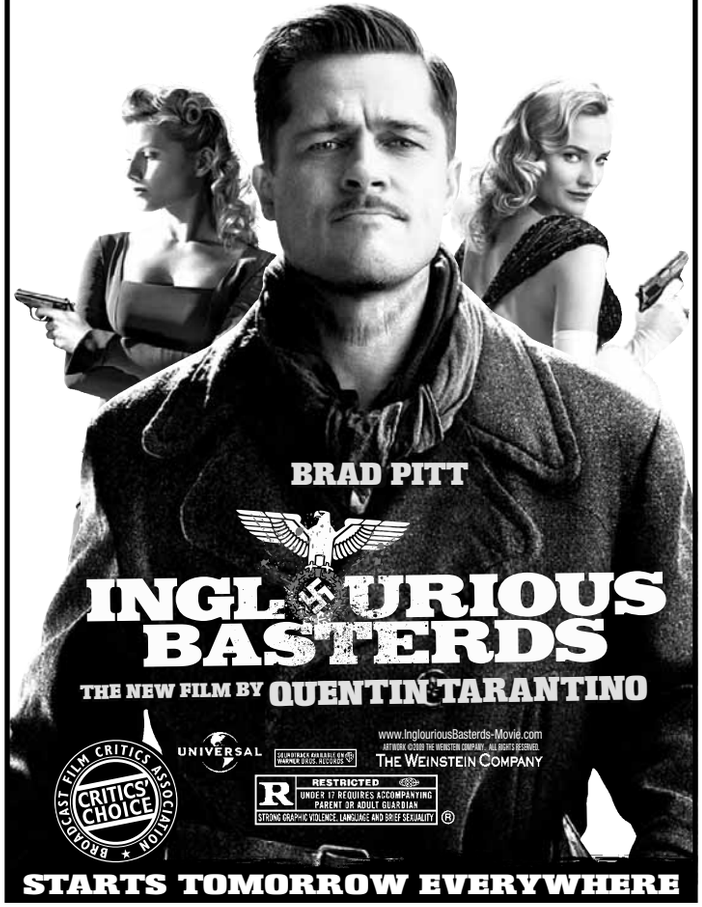

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➜ SUNDAY

Black Cat: Nunchucks, Drink Up Buttercup, Loose Lips, 9 p.m., $10.

Blues Alley: Alyson Williams, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.

Bohemian Caverns: Vinx, 7 p.m., $20.

DC9: Mandi Perkins, Resident Hero, Thomas Jonak, Breezy Lovejoy, 8:30 p.m., $8.

Galaxy Hut: Mostly Dimes, Sweatpants, 9 p.m.

Iota: Priscilla Ahn, $15.

Jammin' Java: Alexa Ray Joel, 8 p.m., $12.

Merriweather Music Pavilion: Heaven and Hell, 7 p.m., $55-$75.

Red and the Black: John the Savage, Moon Pie, 9 p.m., $6.

State Theatre: Soja, Rebelution, Iration, 9 p.m., $25.

Velvet Lounge: Tribal Kallisti, Eva Brontosaurus, Tom Goss, Candy Coated Pain Pills, 7:30 p.m., $10.

Wolf Trap: The Beach Boys, 2 p.m., $25-$75.

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FEEL THE BURN: Judas Priest has been making vicious, screaming heavy metal for a good while now (we're just being polite; make that 40 years), but despite shake-ups and scandal, no one brings the rock with as much vengeance as these Brits. Watch the band deliver the goods and then some at Merriweather Pavilion on Saturday. Whitesnake opens.

Sight

87Florida: "A New Currency: Shared Resources," Civilian Arts Project curates a show bringing together artistic reflections on the changing ideas of abundance and exchange, through Sept. 1. 87 Florida Ave. NW; 202-347-0022, 87florida.com.

Alexandria Black History Museum: Permanent and changing exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's rich history. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Jubilee: African American Celebration," a series of photographs of black celebrations from baptisms to Mardi Gras to Election Day, through Sept. 20. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

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Conner Contemporary Art: "Academy 2009," a selection of new art from outstanding graduates from regional colleges, through Sept. 1. 1358-60 Florida Ave. NE; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "William Eggleston: Democratic Camera; Photographs and Video 1961–2008," compelling images from this pioneer of color photography, through Sept. 20. "Nature as Nation," 19th-century American landscape paintings. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

Curator's Office: "Summer Dock," collection from 12 different artists exploring varying subjects through various mediums, through Aug. 29. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

Embassy of Canada: "Yousuf Karsh at 100: Portraits of Artists," delve into photographs of Andy Warhol, Georgia O'Keefe and Pablo Picasso in a celebration of Karsh's birth, through Dec. 18. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-682-1740, canadainternational.gc.ca/washington.

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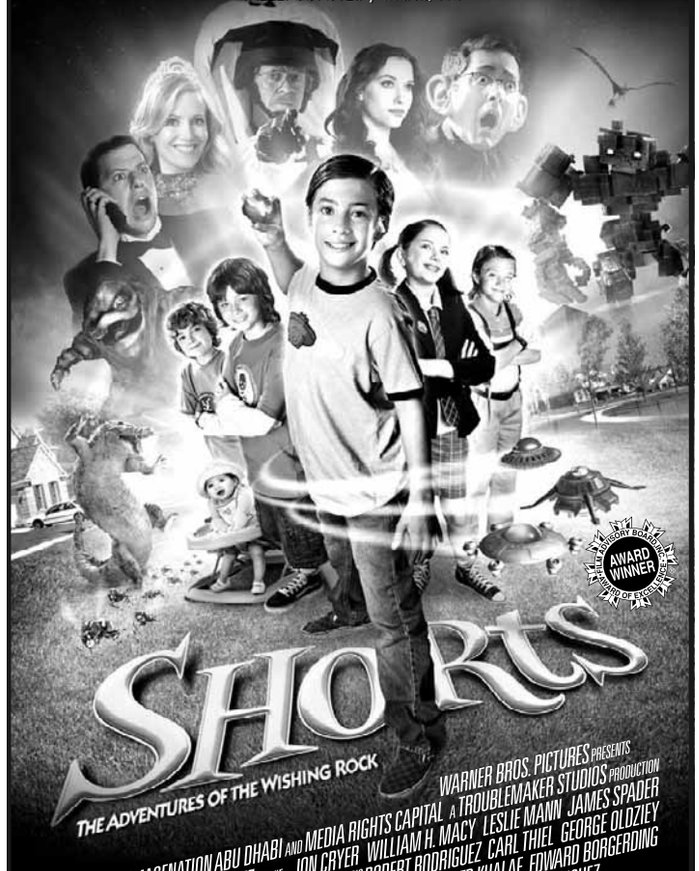

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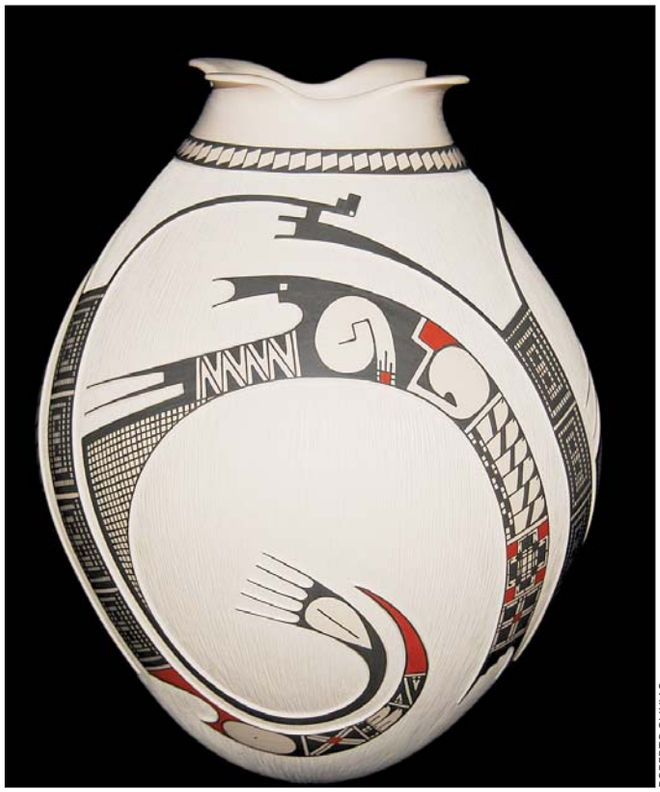

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PASSING DOWN TRADITION: In Mata Ortiz, Mexico, five families keep an art form alive. The Mexican Cultural Institute presents "The Ceramics of Paquimé and Mata Ortiz," an exhibition of many of the 46 artists' exquisite works.

1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-785-1746, chile-usa.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "The Curatorial Eye: Discoveries From the Folger Vault," discover the extraordinary and strange as the staff at the library display their favorite unexplored library treasures, through Aug. 29. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-675-0342, folger.edu.

The Foundry Gallery: "Annual Members Show," work from eight gallery members, through Aug. 30. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundrygallery.org.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Writing, Carving and Rubbing: China's Calligraphic Arts," through Oct. 26. "Moonlight and Clouds: Silver and Gold in the Arts of Japan," through Nov. 8. "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June 2010. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

The Gallery at Flashpoint: "M3: MCs, Mics and Metaphors," the lyrical power and strength of hip-hop music is conveyed through visual imagery and mixed media by a number of artists, through Aug. 29. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

Goethe-Institut: "Gute Aussichten: Young German Photographers 2008/2009," evocative and creative photographs from nine photographers, through Sept. 2. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

Hillyer Art Space: "Six in the Mix: Selections by Renee Stout," the famed D.C. artist curates a group exhibition of painters and artists, through Aug. 28. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org/artspace.

Hirshhorn: "Directions — Walead Beshty: Legibility on Color Backgrounds," rethink perceptions on art and photography, through Sept. 13. "Black Box," short surrealist films from Guido Van der Werve, through Oct. 11. "Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

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2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05
ADAM (PG-13)
2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55
THE COVE (PG-13)
4:40, 7:10, 9:30
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
IN THE LOOP (NR)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
PONYO (NR)
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3:10, 5:35, 8:05
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
12:00, 2:00, 3:55
THE COLLECTOR (R) 5:55, 8:00, 9:55
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THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13)
9:45, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
10:00, 12:05, 2:10, 4:20, 8:00, 10:00
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
10:05, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30,10:05
HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG)
9:55, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00,9:55

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2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55
THE COVE (PG-13)
2:10, 9:40 PM
THE END OF THE LINE (NR)
1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:30
THIRST (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
FOOD, INC. (PG)
1:00 PM
SPREAD (R)
3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
PAPER HEART (PG-13)
1:10, 3:20, 9:50
ADAM (PG-13)
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third annual exhibition of artists in Wards 7 and 8 interpreting the theme of Beauty and the Beast, through Sept. 25. 1227 Good Hope Road SE; 202-536-8994, honfleurgallery.com.

Koshland Science Museum: Various science-related exhibits including "Global Warming Facts & Our Future," "Lights at Night," "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," "Wonders of Science," ongoing. 6th & E streets NW; 202-334-1201, koshlandsciencemuseum.org.

Irvine Contemporary: "Introductions5" fifth-annual mixed-media exhibition of recent art college graduates, through Sept. 5. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Gaza Conversations," mixed-media works and paintings from three artists provide a visual, continuing response to the tragedies in Gaza, through Sept. 4. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "The Ceramics of Paquime and Mata Ortiz: Tracing a Family Legacy," intricate designs are engrained into the meticulously created clay pottery, through Oct. 17. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, instituteofmexicodc.org.

National Air and Space Museum: "Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World," reflections and paintings from the fourth man on the moon; ongoing exhibitions and the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. 6th & Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Green Community," learn about what it means to "go green" as an entire community, through Oct. 25. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art, East Building: "In the Tower: Philip Guston," exploration of the stylistic journey and works of painter Philip Guston, through Sept. 13. "Luis

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ALL GROWN UP: If missy up there looks familiar, that's because she's carrying a powerful set of genes. Alexa Ray Joel, daughter of Billy, may be stuck with a famous last name and a pretty good resemblance to Dad if Dad were adorable, but she's also singer-songwriter-piano-player-entertainer in her own right. Let her prove it at Jammin' Java on Sunday.

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DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (150 440) 740 1030
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (100 400) 700 945
PONYO (G) (1240 340) 620 850
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 410) 710 950
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1230 330) 630 930
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (120 320 420) 620 720 1010
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1220 PM) 910 PM
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 230 500) 800 1035
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 315) 650 1005
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (140 430) 730 1000
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (200 450) 750 1020
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1200 PM 320 PM) 640 PM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (110 330) 600 815 1035
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 1005 PM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

RIFFTRAX LIVE: PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE (NR) 800 PM
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1000
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (215 500) 745 1030
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (200 445) 730 1015
PONYO (G) (100 345) 645 920
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 415) 700 945
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (120 230 515) 710 800 1045
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) (420 PM) 950 PM
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100 350) 650 940
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (150 PM 450 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (115 PM 510 PM) 830 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (140 410) 640 915
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (210 440) 720 930
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (220 520) 740 1010
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (245 PM) 630 PM
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D 1020 PM

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (115 325 540) 800 1010
PONYO (G) (1225 250 515) 740 1005
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1250 150 335 435) 630 735 925 1025
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (205 450) 720 955
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 410) 650 930
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (110 200 400 455) 645 750 935 1045
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 310 530) 755 1020
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (140 PM) 730 PM
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 1030 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 PM 315 PM) 1040 PM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1235 300 510) 725 940
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (100 320 535) 805 1035
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1230 PM 345 PM) 705 PM
RIFFTRAX LIVE: PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE (NR) 800 PM
OC & DA: JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (425 PM) 1015 PM

MAJESTIC STADIUM 20
900 Ellsworth Dr, Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826

DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1145 130 220 400 455) 640 730 930 1005
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1215 200 245 430 515) 705 745 940 1030
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (100 250 345 445 535) 630 740 820 920 1025 1105
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 320 550) 800 1040
PONYO (G) (125 355) 650 945
BANDSLAM (PG) (1230 305 540) 815 1050
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1225 235 450) 700 910
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (110 330 545) 805 1020
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 315 530) 830 1045
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (1205 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 310) 625 935
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (225 520) 810 1055
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 255 525) 750 1010
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (105 420) 735 1100
HURT LOCKER (R) - ID REQ'D (115 415) 715 1015
TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13) (1240 PM)
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (215 440) 710 925
UP (PG) (1155 AM)
RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 300) 605 840 1115

ROYALE STADIUM 14
6505 America Blvd, Hyattsville, MD 301-864-3456

RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 340) 645 930
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (140 415) 720 1000
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (115 355) 700 945
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (130 350) 710 935
BANDSLAM (PG) (125 405) 650 925
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (120 200 410 445) 655 740 940 1030
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (150 430) 725 955
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (135 425) 715 1005
THE COLLECTOR (R) - ID REQ'D 1045 PM
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (145 PM 455 PM) 805 PM
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (155 440) 735 1020
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (205 435) 745 1010
G-FORCE (PG) (110 345) 705 920
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (105 PM 420 PM) 730 PM

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (245 515) 745 1015
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (220 455) 730 1005
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (120 330 540) 750 1010
BANDSLAM (PG) (150 430) 710 950
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (100 320 540) 800 1020
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1045
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (130 445) 740 1020
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 350) 650 945
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (200 PM 515 PM) 830 PM
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (115 PM) 940 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (500 PM) 720 PM

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

RIFFTRAX LIVE: PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE (NR) 800 PM
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1135 210 450) 730 1010
BANDSLAM (PG) (1155 220 505) 740 1015
PONYO (G) (1200 235 510) 735 1005
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1120 125 345) 600 815 1030
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1105 1145 145 230 425 515) 710 800 1000 1035
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1100 1140 130 215 415 500) 700 745 945 1030
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 225 445) 720 940
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1110 150 430) 715 955
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (1100 AM 110 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (315 PM) 625 PM 935 PM
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 AM 140 PM 435 PM)
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1125 155 420) 655 915
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1130 AM 310 PM) 630 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 950 PM

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THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1130 215) 500 740 1020
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 240) 510 730 1000
PONYO (G) (1150 220) 445 710 940
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) 310 PM 910 PM
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1200 150) 450 620 755 1035
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 300) 530 810 1040
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1245) 400 700 950
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1240) 350 705 1015
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1135 200) 425 650 920
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1140 155 410) 640 900
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1215 235) 515 745 1005
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1225 PM) 345 PM 715 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 1045 PM

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 305 530) 810 1035
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (110 210 355 455) 740 1025
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (230 515) 750 1020
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1220 120 320 420) 620 720 915 1015
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 PM 445 PM) 800 PM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (140 405) 630 855
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1245 PM 415 PM) 745 PM
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (155 PM 430 PM)
PUBLIC ENEMIES (R) - ID REQ'D 655 PM 1005 PM
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1000
STAR TREK (PG-13) (1230 345) 650 955
RIFFTRAX LIVE: PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE (NR) 800 PM

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
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THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1245 145 340 440) 625 725 910 1010
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 420) 710 1000
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 300 525) 750 1015
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 200 350 450) 640 740 930 1030
PONYO (G) (155 435) 715 950
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (110 PM) 700 PM
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) (410 PM) 955 PM
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 220 455) 735 1005
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (120 425) 730 1040
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 325) 650 1025
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D 1035 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 255 530) 810
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1210 235 500) 720 945
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1125 250) 615 940
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245 530) 805

KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16
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RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (100 345) 630 905
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 235 500) 715 930
PONYO (G) (1205 230 505) 735 1000
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1140 215 320 455) 615 730 850 1020
BANDSLAM (PG) (1115 150 430) 710 950
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 205 440) 745 1025
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1135 220 405 515) 655 800 935 1040
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (135 415) 725 945
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1115 200 450) 740 1030
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 350) 700 1010
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 255 520) 755 1015
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1125 140 355) 640 855
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1145 210 430) 650 915
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1150 AM 315 PM) 635 PM
TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13) (1250 PM)
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (1245 PM)
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 955 PM

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

PONYO (G) (110 355) 700 935
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1255 200 340 450) 640 740 930 1030
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 305 540) 800 1020
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1245 150 325 440) 615 730 855 1010
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 420) 710 1000
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (120 350) 620 850
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) (430 PM) 1015 PM
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1210 125 230 300 335 520) 625 650 720 810 920 940
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (220 510) 750 1025
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100 400) 655 950
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (1230 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 320) 635 955
G-FORCE (PG) (1220 PM 240 PM 500 PM)
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (145 415) 645 910
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (140 410) 640 900
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1200 315) 630 945
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (250 PM) 610 PM 840 PM
TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13) (1215 PM)
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) 725 PM 1005 PM

FOX STADIUM 16
22875 Crawford Plz, Asburn, VA 703-957-1035

DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1250 330) 610 850
RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 220 500) 740 1020
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1140 1240 210 320 450) 600 720 830 950
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 410) 710 1025
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 245 530) 750 1010
PONYO (G) (1135 200 430) 700 930
G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1230 140 310 420 550) 730 840 1015
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (110 400) 715 1000
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 240 520) 800 1035
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (100 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (315 PM) 630 PM 945 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 250 540) 810 1030
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1200 230 440) 650 910
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (120 350) 640 900
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1145 AM 300 PM) 620 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 940 PM

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

G.I. JOE (PG-13) (1230 110 150 230 320 400 440 520) 610 650 730 900 940 1020
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COURTESY NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT GOUP

Alexandria's new Columbia Firehouse specializes in modern American food.

WHERE'S THE SIREN?

History Meets Hungry

No, there won't be a pole to slide down, but the Neighborhood Restaurant Group is reviving a piece of Alexandria's history, with a twist. The 126-year-old Columbia Firehouse — once a fire station, now a restaurant— will offer patrons two distinct dining experiences. Steak lovers will eventually be able to experience an intimate chophouse upstairs, but diners of all stripes can currently enjoy the modern American cuisine on the main floor.

CATHERINE AHEARN (EXPRESS)

➜ *Columbia Firehouse, 109 South St. Asaph St., Alexandria; 703-684-7008, columbiafirehouse.com.*

BOTTLE THIS

Drink Around the Globe

A Metro ride away, the Jockey Club at the Fairfax Lounge invites guests to take part in its weekly food and wine tour titled Taste of Embassy Row. Each Wednesday, sommelier Pierre Yves Robin has been selecting a handful of wines from a particular region and pairing them with small platters meant to showcase the region's cuisine and wine. Next week closes out this tasting journey with the wines of Catalonia. (CA)

➜ *2100 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-835-2100, thejockeyclub-dc.com. (Dupont Circle)*

@ Dine & Dash has more on local eats at **Expressnightout.com/dine**

MARK GAIL

Summertime doesn't come much more tasty than at Bobby's Crabcakes in Rockville, where the signature jumbo crab cake sandwich feels like a trip "downy ocean," hon.

Taste the Escape

The mercury may be skyrocketing, but don't give up on summer's tasty bits

NO SAND | If you couldn't escape the city for a summer vacation, or are still dreaming about your week at the shore, head to some of the area's seafood joints for dishes inspired by a trip to the ocean. You may not feel a salty breeze ruffling your hair, but you will find some pretty tasty eats without having to brave an hours-long drive to the shore. Start off by heading out to Rockville (it's just a five minute walk from the Metro) to Bobby's Crabcakes, a small, casual spot with exposed brick and nautical black and white photographs.

"I had been thinking about some incarnation of this place for many years and it was originally going to be in downtown D.C. as a lunch carryout," owner Bobby Bloch says. "The opportunity presented itself for us to locate it here, so we expanded the concept a little bit and fancied it up."

Bloch says the original concept "just came to me," but well-known restaurant Fore Street in Portland, Maine, inspired the design.

"I just kind of loved the look of the antique exposed brick, and we were sitting there for dinner one night talking about how beautiful it would be to do a restaurant here like that," said Bloch. "So we combined elements of that with elements of a fish market."

Bloch's seafood comes from local suppliers, and the crab cakes are made from Bloch's personal recipe — jumbo lump crab, egg and spices. The lobster roll is also pretty simple, and good.

"The lobster roll was inspired by what we ate up in Maine," explained Bloch. "It's just lobster, and that's pretty much all you get."

If you don't want to venture outside of District lines, head to Tackle Box in Georgetown, which looks like it should be located on the shore. The menu is written on a chalkboard at the front of the restaurant, where you order at the counter and pick up your food when it's ready. There are also communal picnic tables, and buoys decorate the walls.

> For savory food, the New England clam chowder is chock-full of clams, potatoes, bacon and onion.

For savory food, the New England clam chowder is chock-full of clams, potatoes, bacon and onion, and the lobster roll is terrific: big chunks of lobster lightly dressed with mayo and stuffed into a toasted hot dog roll. You can also try the Maine meal — one fish, two sides and one sauce for $13. Look for fish options like fried scallops, shrimp and oysters, and grilled bluefish and calamari. Sides include mac and cheese, hush puppies and coleslaw.

Also in the District — just off Dupont Circle — there's Hank's Oyster Bar, which opens out onto the street and has sidewalk seating. There's also an outpost of the popular eatery in Alexandria. Here you can find a lobster roll made with celery and mayonnaise, and served in a toasted hot dog roll. Like Bobby's and Tackle Box, the roll is served with fries — in Hank's case they're thin, addicting and spiced with Old Bay.

With these options, you won't even notice you're not on the shore.

AMY CAVANAUGH

➜ *Bobby's Crabcakes, 101 Gibbs St., Rockville; 301-217-0858, bobbyscrabcakes.com. (Rockville)*

➜ *Tackle Box, 3245 M St. NW; 202-337-8269, tackleboxrestaurant.com.*

➜ *Hank's Oyster Bar, 1624 Q St. NW; 202-462-4265. (Dupont Circle)*

➜ *1026 King St., Alexandria; 703-739-4265, hanksdc.com.*

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Melendez: Master of the Spanish Still Life," 31 culinary-themed paintings from the 18th-century painter, through Aug. 23. **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "Stanley William Hayter: From Surrealism to Abstraction," 55 of Hayter's most important prints, through Sun. "The Budapest Horse: A Leonardo Da Vinci Mystery," through Sept. 7. "Edouard Manet's 'Ragpicker,'" the pathos-heavy painting is exhibited for a limited time in cooperation with the Norton Simon Foundation, through Sept. 7. "The Antiquity of Imagination: Tullio Lombardo and Venetian High Renaissance Sculpture," through Nov. 1. "The Art of Power: Royal Armor and Portraits From Imperial Spain," armor and its use in maintaining the imperial mystique, through Nov. 1. "Designing the Lincoln Memorial: Daniel Chester French & Henry Bacon," features a plaster final model of the statue, through Feb. 2010. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Kodachrome Culture, the American Tourist in Europe," more than 100 photos from the archives celebrate an era of peacetime traveling captured in a nearly extinct format, through Sept. 7. "Lions and Leopards: The Work of Dereck & Beverly Joubert," through Oct. 4. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of African Art: "Treasures 2008," 74

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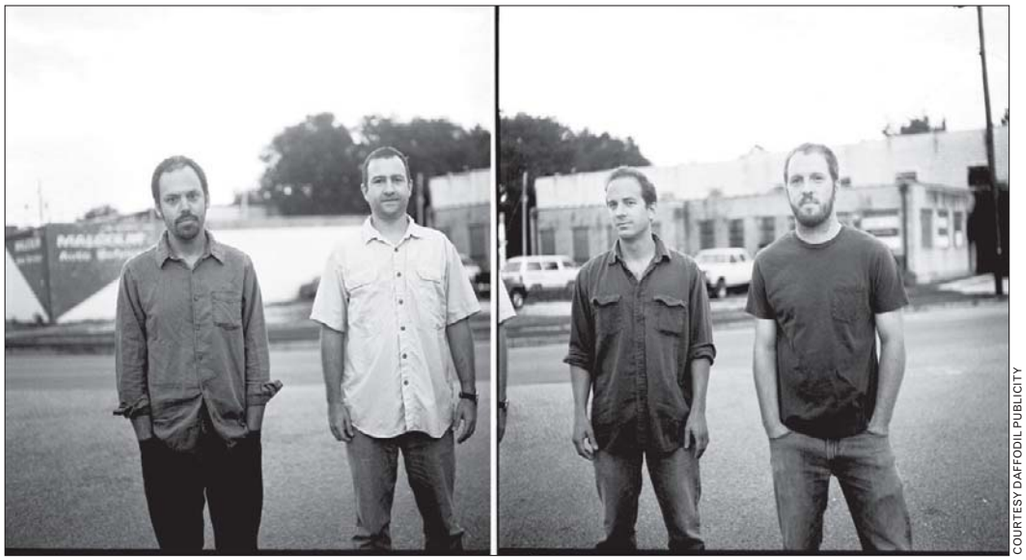

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works of ivory, through Aug. 24. "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition provides a new look into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21, 2010. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb. 2010, "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem," "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America," "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian," the Declaration of Independence and many more, permanent collection. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America," photos, film and other displays celebrate the spread of skating, through Nov. 1. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Dig It! The Secrets of the Soil," through Jan. 2010. "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, nmnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Mary McFadden: Goddesses," exhibition of gowns, clothing and jewelry from the American fashion designer. "Fashion Forward: Photographs by Louise Dahl-Wolfe," shots from the iconic, irreverent photographer. "Picturing Progress: Hungarian Women Photographers 1900-1945," Hungarian history, as recorded through 80 photographs, all through Aug. 30. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "One Life: Thomas Paine, the Radical Founding Father," through Nov. 29. "Portraiture Now: Feature Photography," through Sept. 27. "Presidents in Waiting," through Jan. 3, other permanent exhibitions, 2010. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Fotobama: Picturing the President," through Sept. 7. "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," how developments in journalism helped the pursuit of John Wilkes Booth. "Our World at War: Photojournalism Beyond the Front Lines," Red Cross-comissioned photographers illustrate the effects of war on

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SACHA WALDMAN

STILL A BELIEVER: The look, the facial hair, the aura of Great Seriousness — it must be the '90s. Step back in time along with Scott Stapp, third from left, and his band, Creed, as the spiritual-rockers reunite at Nissan Pavilion on Friday.

eight countries, through Sept. 7. "Woodstock at 40: the Rise of Music Journalism," photographs and artifacts from the seminal event illustrate the doorway to a new world of music and journalism, through Oct. 31. "G-Men and Journalists," a history of media coverage and the FBI, both through Dec. 31, ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Early Moderns: A Celebration of Gifts From Gifford and Joann Phillips," through Sept. 6. "Paint Made Flesh," the sensual and metaphorical properties of human flesh are explored in a series of post-1950s paintings, through Sept. 13. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Rusty Wolfe," paintings from the Nashville artist mimic the landscape as seen from an airplane, through Aug. 31. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Staged Stories: Renwick Craft Invitational 2009," Christyl Boger, Mark Newport, Mary Van Cline and SunKoo Yuh handle ceramic and fiber past traditional limits of functionality and focus on the narrative qualities of their material, through Jan. 3, 2010. "1934: A New Deal for Artists," paintings spawned from the first federally funded program for the arts, through Jan. 3, 2010. "The Honor of Your Company Is Requested," President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural ball, through Jan. 18. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

The Textile Museum: "A Lady Found a Culture in its Cloth," batik patterned textiles from the collection of Ann Dunham, President Obama's mother, provide a look into the Southeast Asian cultures where the fabric originated, through Aug. 23. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Touchstone Gallery: 406 7th St. NW; "My Space on 7th," 90 local artists exhibit work in this non-juried third-annual showcase, through Sept. 4. 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "The New Age of Chocolate," a plant exploration at the intersection of health, science, botany and yumminess, through Sun. "Heroes of Horticulture," the story of 22 history-watching plant sites from across the nation, through Oct. 12. "Flora: Growing Inspirations," work from artists from the U.S. and Zimbabwe and presented in cooperation with the Washington Sculptors Group, through Oct. 12. "African-American Gardens: Places of the Spirit." Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: "A Dangerous Lie: Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda," "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," other exhibitions of artifacts, photographs and oral histories. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place/15th St. SW; 202-488-0400, ushmm.org.

The Walters Art Museum: "Shrunken Treasures: Miniaturization in Books," text gets small with more than 30 exquisite manuscripts and tiny rare books, through Nov. 8, 600 N. Charles St. Baltimore, Md.; 410-5457-9000, thewalters.org.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "12th Annual National Small Works," 42 prints, 170 square inches or smaller, showcase the ability of multiple artist to create within confined spaces. "Natural Occurences," a solo exhibition from Julie Niskanen, both through Aug. 30. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars:

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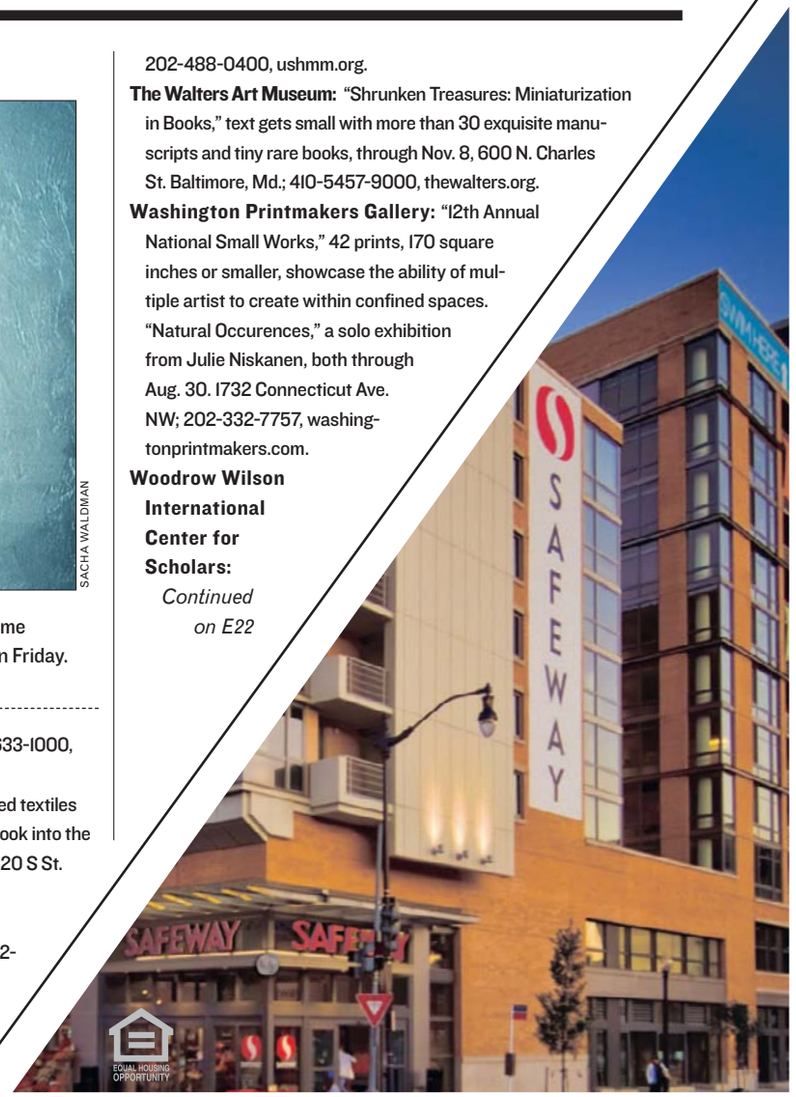

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21 FRI ★ Moch Pryderi
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22 SAT ★ Charles Covington Jr.
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23 SUN ★ Rez Bluez All-Starz ■
This Aboriginal blues collaboration features members from the Plains Cree, Mohawk, and Oneida tribes.
Presented in cooperation with the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

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24 MON ★ U.S. Army Blues
The 18-piece ensemble strives to preserve the music of such big band legends as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Woody Herman.

25 TUE ★ University of Maryland Musical Theatre Department
Students present a show of contemporary work from the Broadway stage.

26 WED ★ The Alexandria Kleztet
The ensemble combines traditional Eastern-European/Jewish music with jazz, classical, world, and rock music.

27 THU ★ Herb & Hanson
"The Acoustic Duo of Destruction" performs its unique take on rags, blues, bluegrass, ballads, folk, and rock.

28 FRI ★ U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters
The official chorus of the U.S. Navy performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals.

29 SAT ★ Dance DC Festival Showcase
Participants from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities 6th annual Dance DC Festival perform dance works.

30 SUN ★ Paco Díez
The guitarist is one of the most important musicians in Judeo-Spanish music.

31 MON ★ Karen Walwyn
The concert pianist recently made her compositional debut with her multi-movement work for solo piano entitled Reflections on 9/11.

1 TUE ★ Sérgio Barrenechea ◆
Solo flutist.

2 WED ★ João Paulo Figueirôa ◆
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THEY ARE WATCHING: The Institute fot the Study of Totalitarian Regimes and the Security Services Archive team up to present the eye-opening exhibition "Prague Through the Lens of the Secret Police" at Woodrow Wilson Center.

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"Prague Through the Lens of the Secret Police," photos taken in the course of police surveillance during the communist regime, presented by the Embassy of the Czech Republic, through Sept. 20. 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-274-9105, ustrcr.cz/en/exhibitions.

Stage

Acts of Love: A festival from the Keegan Theatre explores young love through the eyes of three generations; "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room" by Megan Thrift plays this week, festival through Aug. 29, $15-$30. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

A Passion For Justice: Evolution-arguing lawyer Charles Darrow's life is explored through his greatest speeches in a one-man play starring Paul Morella, through Sept. 6, $39-$49. Olney Theatre, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Choreographers Collaboration Project: The Alexandria-based company premieres its first concert in D.C., Sat., 8 p.m. & Sun., 7 p.m., $8-$22. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

Dirty Blonde: Emily Skinner plays the innuendo-dropping bombshell Mae West in Claudie Shear's multiple Tony Award-nominated examination of the life of the peroxide princess and one of her biggest fans, through Oct. 4, $59-$64. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703- 820-9771, sig-online.org.

LAST CHANCE Living Dead in Denmark: Shakespeare meets zombies in director Qui Nguyen's humorous — and blood-filled — exploration of the world after Hamlet, produced by Rorschach Theatre, through Sun., $13.50-$21.50. Georgetown University, the Gonda Theatre, O & 37th streets NW; 202-452-5538, rorschachtheatre.com.

LAST CHANCE Seascape: Late-life relational difficulties are examined in this drama from Edward Albee and presented by American Century Theater, through Sat., $25-$32. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-998-4555, americancentury.org.

LAST CHANCE Vanities: The lives of three girlhood friends progress through the numbing tragedy of maturity in this bittersweet comedy from Zemfira Stage, through Sat., $15. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.; 703-615-6626, zemfirastage.org.

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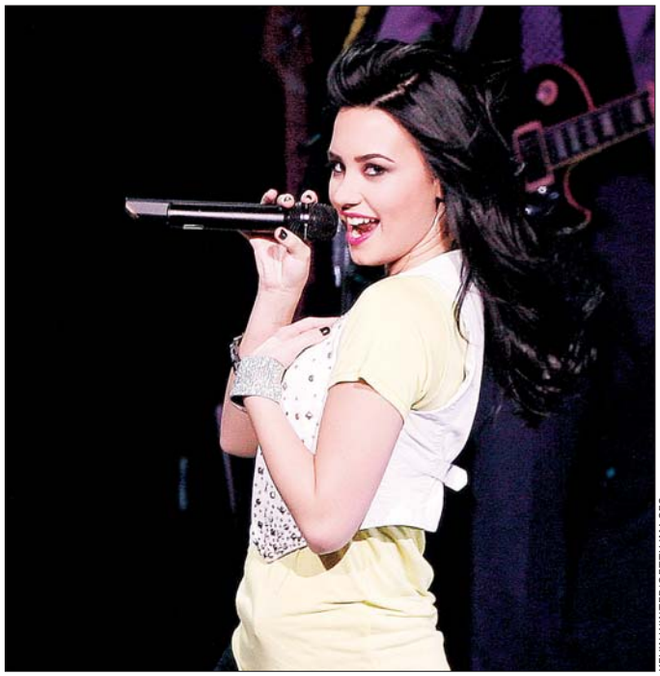

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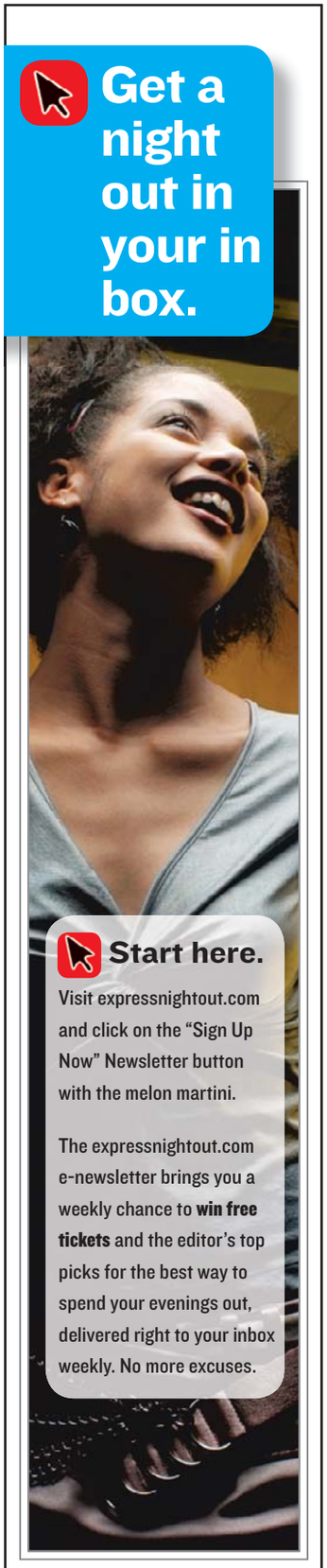

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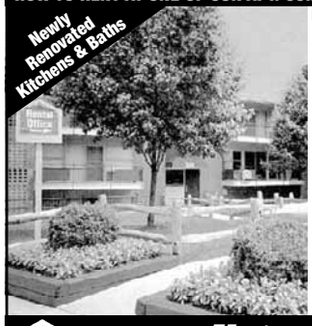

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MUSIC | Things are tough out there for women: working women, single women, married women, lonely women, abandoned women. But they all have Reba, the Oprah of country music (and billed first name only here), to turn to for a word of wisdom, comfort, advice or down-home common sense.

The Oklahoma-born singer-turned-actress has a way of staying connected to longtime fans and bringing new ones aboard.

McEntire spends most of this album in the country-pop-rock end of the musical spectrum she helped map in the '80s. It is, however, a delight to hear her return to her Western swing roots in the closing track, "I'll Have What She's Having."

It's admirable that McEntire can stay current, but it's even more impressive when she sounds so joyfully timeless. RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Making It Work, Again

'Project Runway' gets back on its stilettos in a new city after a lengthy legal battle

FASHION | Fashion changes with the seasons, and so does "Project Runway."

The hit reality show that pits would-be designers against one another will have a new setting (Los Angeles), a new network (Lifetime), and a special guest judge (Lindsay Lohan), when it debuts its sixth season tonight at 10.

Fans with a taste for drama and design are no doubt eager for the return of their weekly fashion fix. Mired for months in a behind-the-scenes legal battle between two networks and producers of the program, new episodes of "Project Runway" have been off TV for nearly a year; reruns have played on Bravo.

"We did shoot the show almost a year ago, and it was in limbo for the longest time," said host Heidi Klum, fashion-forward in skinny jeans and towering stilettos despite being about seven months' pregnant with her fourth child, the third with her husband, Seal.

The trouble with "Runway" began in April 2008. The series, which aired for five seasons on Bravo, was caught up in a legal dispute involving NBC Universal, which owns Bravo, the Weinstein Co. and Lifetime. NBC Universal sued Weinstein after the production company made a reported $150 million deal with Lifetime for the reality series.

RICHARD DREW/AP

HEART AND SOUL: Luckily, mentor Tim Gunn and host Heidi Klum survived all the changes to "Project Runway" — the show just wouldn't be the same without them.

Meanwhile, Klum, mentor Tim Gunn, judges Michael Kors and Nina Garcia, and a cast of 16 aspiring designers taped the show's sixth season. It was meant to begin airing in January, and production wrapped in February. But the legal dealings weren't resolved until a settlement was announced in April, when NBC Universal said it would be paid by Weinstein for the right to move the show to Lifetime.

Klum remained optimistic throughout and is happy that no one revealed the winner during the show's unexpected hiatus.

The sixth season brings the show from New York to Los Angeles, where contestants spend time at the city's Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising.

Still, fans can expect the show's usual dose of drama and designs gone wrong.

"We film the show in a matter of six weeks. It's really a major pressure cooker," Klum said. "What other big designers do in 10 days or two weeks, like make a haute-couture gown, they have to do it in one or two days." SANDY COHEN (AP)

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SERIES **Better Late Than Never** Showtime says filmmaker Oliver Stone is producing a 10-part documentary series on what he calls the secret history of America. The series will focus on events of the past 60 years that went underreported when they took place but crucially shaped the nation's history. Showtime says newly discovered information on the Kennedy administration, the Vietnam War and America's role in the world since the fall of communism will be explored. It's set to debut next year on Showtime. (AP)

entertainment lookout

This Time, It's Personal

Thomas Tull talks about his passion for guitar and the film 'It Might Get Loud'

ALBA TULL/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Director Davis Guggenheim, second from left, works with the artists during filming.

PRODUCER | As the chairman and CEO of Legendary Pictures, Thomas Tull has overseen such big-budget blockbusters as "Superman Returns" and "The Dark Knight." But the movie closest to his heart right now cost a fraction of those summer spectacles' budgets.

"It Might Get Loud," out in D.C. Sept. 4 from Sony Pictures Classics, represents Tull's first foray into documentary filmmaking, and he admits that moving from the realm of fiction to nonfiction required a bit of an adjustment. "There's no script, and you don't get to sit back and watch dailies," Tull says. "It's a very different process from a scripted movie, because it felt so loose — we had to feel our way through it."

The veteran producer has no one but himself to blame for leaving the reel world for the real world. After all, "It Might Get Loud," which chronicles the lives and careers of three of rock music's biggest icons — Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page, U2's the Edge and the White Stripes' Jack White — is based on Tull's own lifelong fascination with their instrument of choice, the electric guitar.

"I've played the electric guitar since I was 14," he says. "To me, it has always been emblematic of rock. I know why I love it so much, but I've never seen a film that has gotten to the essence of the instrument." ETHAN ALTER (FILM JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL)

High on The Heat Index

The Black Eyed Peas' summertime single is sizzling at the top

FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES

"Boom Boom Pow" has been in the No. 1 Billboard spot for 20 weeks now.

POW! | Will.i.am would love to say "I told you so" to all the people who have bashed the Black Eyed Peas in the past, but he won't — even though the group just made history on the Billboard charts.

"There's a part of me that wants to be cocky, but then I can't be cocky," the 34-year-old Peas leader said in a phone interview from Los Angeles on Tuesday. "There's a part of me that wants to call out all of my other peers and competitors. I don't want to say no names, because I'm not like that, but part of me wants to do that. And would it be wrong if I did that? Yes, it would. I'm not like that."

This week the foursome, who have had their share of criticism, will have topped Billboard's Hot 100 singles charts for 20 consecutive weeks, the most ever by an act. "Boom Boom Pow" and the song that dislodged it, "I Gotta Feeling," have been at the top of the charts for 12 and eight weeks, respectively.

Though the band has had big hits over the years, "Boom Boom Pow" was its first No. 1 single. Will.i.am says he's surprised how successful the song became.

"I knew that 'Boom Boom Pow' would be big in the clubs, but I didn't know it would be that potent with the world, outside of the club. So that my accountant's aunt would be like: Black Eyed Peas, I love 'Boom Boom Pow!'" he laughed. "I didn't know it was going to be that. I didn't know that teachers would say, 'I like "Boom Boom Pow."'" MESFIN FEKADU (AP)

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1. "This is my first prom!" Alfonso Morgan. **2. "I got locked in the gym until 5 a.m.,"** Andrew Rizzardi. **3. "The chocolate fondue fountain,"** Esther Wi. **4. "The cheesy music on the limo ride,"** Janice Iwama. **5. "I won 'Most Studious,'"** Seth Edwards. **6. "The last song was 'Stairway to Heaven,'"** Ralph Bernstein. **7. "The lady I went with,"** Jerry Phillips. ROBYN MINCHER

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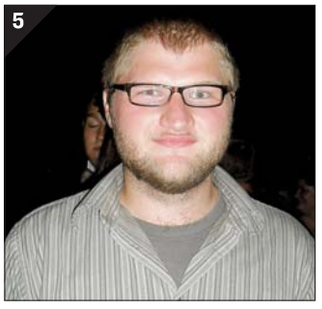
"The chocolate fondue fountain."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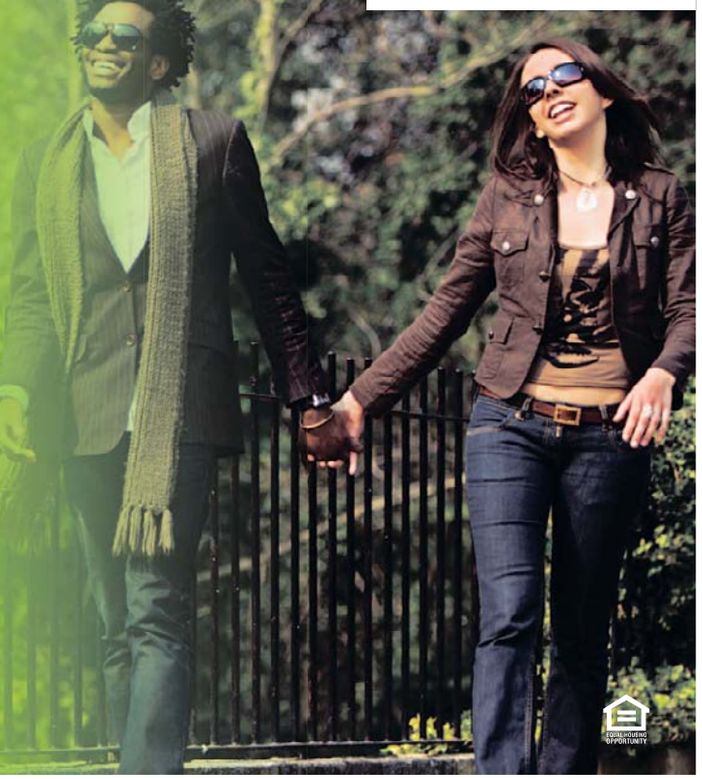

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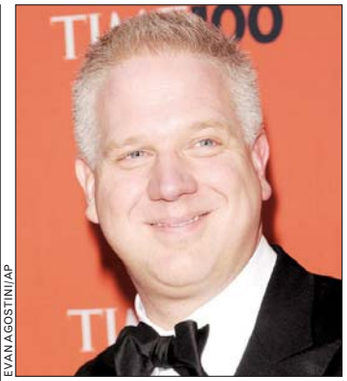
Fox and Its Loyal Friends

RATINGS | Recently, South Carolina Republican Bob Inglis suggested people turn off the TV when Fox News Channel's Glenn Beck came on. Big mistake.

Beck is a hero to many people who are not buying the Age of Obama, and so is Fox. The network was already on pace for its best ratings year even before the health care debate.

How emboldened is Fox? After President Obama's press secretary, Robert Gibbs, warned against "cable news" derailing health care plans, Bill O'Reilly seemed ready for a fight.

"Who's that going to help?" O'Reilly said. "Us, that's who. Our ratings are already soaring because we don't denigrate the protesters."



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

Fox's Glenn Beck doesn't mince words when it comes to Obama's policies.

Fox's strong year hasn't come without controversy. Some critics worry about heated rhetoric — Beck has called Obama a racist — and suggest Fox has led, instead of followed, the president's opponents.

Fox's viewership is up 11 percent over last year. CNN and MSNBC, which benefited from interest in the campaign last year, are down. O'Reilly — who already had cable news' most popular show — Beck and Sean Hannity lead the way.

DAVID BAUDER (AP)

tonight's lineup

CANDY LAND
Johnny Depp stars in Tim Burton's **CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY** (7:30 p.m., Family).

RURAL ADVENTURES
The Western miniseries **LONESOME DOVE** (8 p.m., AMC, part three of four) continues.

EUPHEMISMS FOR LOVE
On two reruns of **30 ROCK** (NBC), foreign relations (8 p.m.) and an engaging situation (9:30 p.m.).

BUSINESS BATTLE
Michael's two sales forces clash on a rerun of **THE OFFICE** (9 p.m., NBC).

FAN FAVORITE
PROJECT RUNWAY (10 p.m., Lifetime) is back for a sixth season. For more on the series return, turn to Page 24.

LOOSE ENDS
Hank returns to New York to discover some unfinished business on **ROYAL PAINS** (10 p.m., USA).

PERSONAL MISHMASH
Filmmaker Bruce Weber offers a mixed dish of his favorite things in the 2001 documentary **CHOP SUEY** (10 p.m., Sundance).

BARBARA NITKE/USA

Hank confronts a major obstacle to his career in medicine on "Royal Pains."

SHE KNOWS HEALTH
Betsy McCaughey is scheduled on **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central).

INTERVIEW WITH THE WRITER
Robert Wright appears on **THE COLBERT REPORT** (11:30 p.m., Comedy Central). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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SHOULD IT BE ILLEGAL TO CARRY GUNS OUTSIDE PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 68%

YES 32%

"Illegal? No. Utterly idiotic? Yes. The only causal link between guns and health care is the horrible consequence of firearms violence in this country. I think we've had enough of that already."

COMMENTER DIOGENES

"I am very much pro-gun. However, I don't want law enforcement to have to spend its energy and consume resources to protect the president."

COMMENTER GUN OWNER

"I wonder how these gun-toting fearmongers would feel if a large group of Black Panther [types] came to one of these town hall meetings armed?"

COMMENTER FRANK

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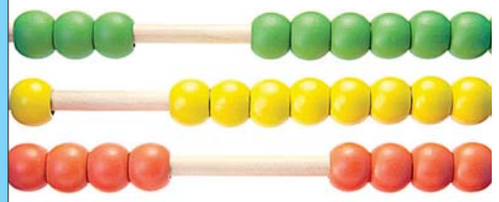


"ACCORDING TO MY abacus, the year 2010 is less than five months away. Therefore, we need to come to a consensus about the proper way to say [it.] Should we say 'twenty-ten'; 'two thousand ten'; 'oh-ten'; simply 'ten'; or is there an alternative I'm missing?"

SEANRAMBLINGS.BLOGSPOT.COM WOULD PREFER THAT THIS DIDN'T BECOME AN ISSUE FOR THE UPCOMING CALENDAR YEAR.

"As a red blooded, all-American girl, I want a first lady who puts sensibility over style. Michelle's bermudas? Impressed."

NOTEASILYIMPRESSED.BLOGSPOT.COM GIVES THE THUMBS UP TO FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA'S DECISION TO WEAR SHORTS ON A HOT DAY, ADDING "SHORTS ARE LIKE TANK TOPS FOR YOUR LEGS."

"[Kanye] didn't stand a chance when [his] girlfriend hit the beach on their Barcelona getaway wearing only skimpy bathing suit bottoms."

VANITYFAIR.COM'S STYLE AND SOCIETY BLOG FIGURES THE RAPPER LOST HIS TYPICAL BATTLE FOR ATTENTION WHEN AMBER ROSE DECIDED TO GO TOPLESS.

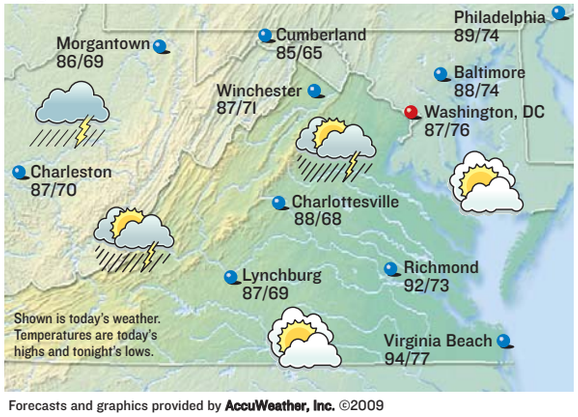
"I READ A MAP on a road trip. That's my role ... the co-pilot. It's been that way since I was a kid. I always navigated our trips using my grandpa's trusty atlas from AAA. I'll now concede it is possible to reach a destination with Google maps."

VISITHEREOFTEN.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS WARY OF USING HER BOYFRIEND'S PREFERRED FORM OF ROAD NAVIGATION ON A RECENT TRIP.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Thunderstorms	A thunderstorm	A thunderstorm	Partly sunny	A thunderstorm	Partly sunny
87°	76°	91° / 75°	87° / 69°	86° / 69°	85° / 68°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	87°
Low	76°
Normal high	86°
Normal low	68°
Average humidity	68%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.12"
Month to date	0.91"
Normal month to date	2.09"
Year to date	25.11"
Last year to date	32.88"
Normal year to date	24.91"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

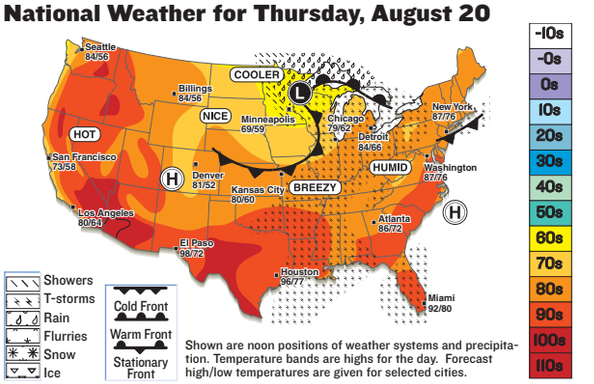
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, a shower, a thunderstorm. High 87. Wind southwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a thunderstorm. Low 76.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:56 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:36 a.m.
Moonset today	7:57 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Aug 20	Aug 27	Sept 4	Sept 11

National Weather for Thursday, August 20



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/72/t	87/71/t
Boston	85/71/t	85/72/t
Chicago	79/62/t	76/60/c
Dallas	98/74/t	93/71/s
Denver	81/52/s	88/56/s
Honolulu	89/78/s	89/76/s
Los Angeles	80/64/pc	82/64/pc
Miami	92/80/t	90/80/pc
New York City	87/76/t	89/75/t
Orlando	90/76/t	91/76/t
Seattle	84/56/s	73/56/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	86/59/t	70/54/sh
Athens	90/72/s	90/70/s
Berlin	86/66/s	79/57/t
Buenos Aires	57/41/pc	59/46/pc
Calgary	78/52/s	84/52/s
Dublin	64/50/sh	63/50/sh
Geneva	87/62/s	69/51/c
Moscow	57/48/r	59/46/pc
Rome	90/68/s	91/70/s
Sydney	72/50/s	79/46/s
Tokyo	86/75/pc	86/76/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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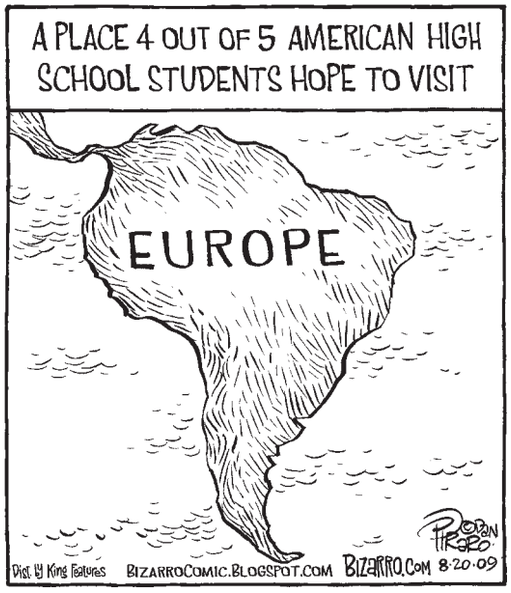
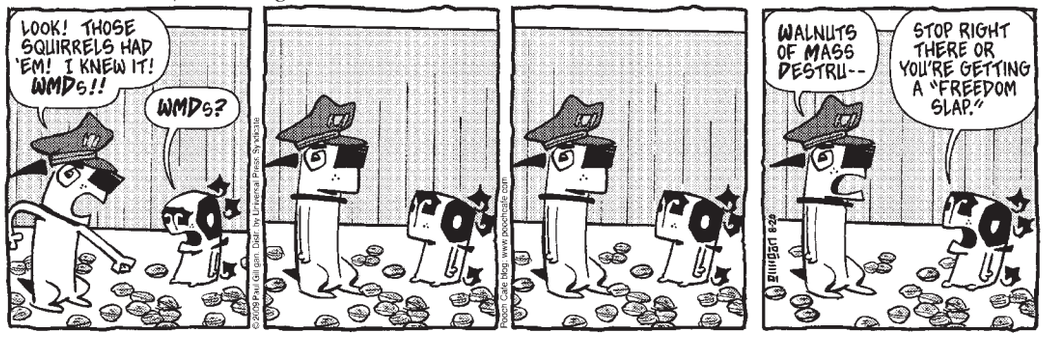
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



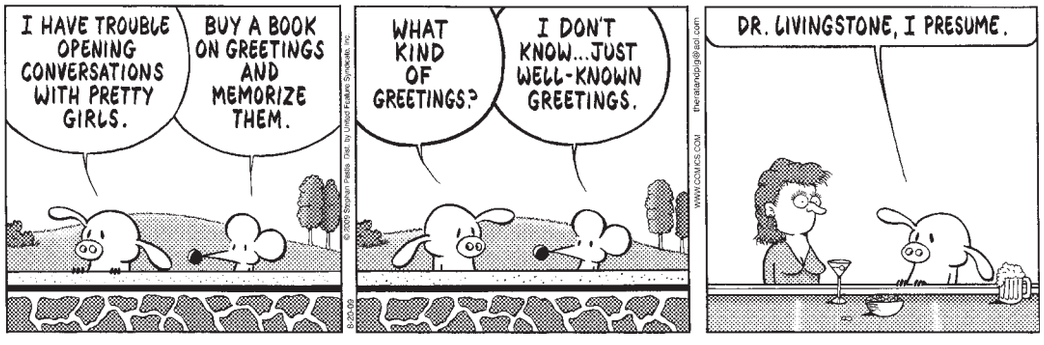
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"We managed to resuscitate him, but he's still very critical."

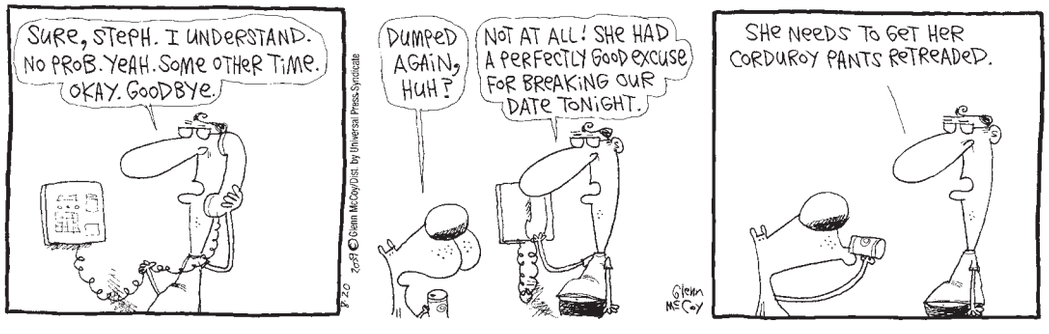
Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focus on those moments that seem to be more important than others. You may find that you're on the verge of something very big.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have a great deal of respect for a current adversary — and in another place and time, you may well consider him or her a good friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may feel as though someone close to you has led you on. Don't take what has happened too personally, however; it's only business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The trivial may prove fascinating to you all day long — which will surprise those who expect you to deal in important and weighty issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll want your privacy as you deal with an issue that is deeply personal. You may not know how you'll react at first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your naturally social demeanor can break the ice and win you support from those who usually remain aloof and objective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are nearing a slowdown, but you needn't consider this a bad thing. You'll have a chance to assess past progress and regroup.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your personal experiences will prove, once again, to be the best possible teacher. And the lessons you learn are key.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others are expecting you to live up to the image you've created for yourself, but you may find it difficult to match your own press.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Are you ready to swing into action? You will have to very soon, and you don't want to be ill-prepared.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can make the best of an error and come out smelling like the proverbial rose. Others will wonder just how you do it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You needn't volunteer information. Wait and see who takes which side, and join in only when you know you'll have support.

Today in History

1866 President Andrew Johnson formally declares the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

1940 British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pays tribute to the Royal Air Force, saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

1979 Diana Nyad succeeds in her third attempt at swimming from the Bahamas to Florida.

1989 Entertainment executive Jose Menendez and his wife, Kitty, are fatally shot in their Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion by their sons, Lyle and Erik.

1999 In a highly unusual move, the CIA pulls the security clearances for former director John Deutch for keeping secret files on an unsecured home computer.

JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Usain Bolt rejoices after breaking the 200-meter world record Aug. 20, 2008.

2004 In the Olympics, Michael Phelps matches Mark Spitz's record of four individual gold medals.

2008 In Beijing, Usain Bolt of Jamaica breaks the world record by winning the 200 meters in 19.30 seconds.

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MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Thanks to the basic cable channel, Tony Danza can finally learn a trade.

SERVICES

A&E Committed to Finding Jobs for the Unemployed

TONY DANZA will be facing an audience of Philadelphia 10th-graders for an A&E reality show called "Teach." School commissioners approved the filming of the series on Wednesday. Beginning this fall, Danza will be co-teaching an English class. (AP)

REAL ESTATE

Properties Have Rich Historical Relevance

BILLY JOEL is selling a pair of oceanfront properties in Long Island's Hamptons community. One home belonged to late "Jaws" actor Roy Scheider. Joel bought it for his now-estranged wife in 2004. He also purchased a bungalow on adjacent property in 2007. (AP)

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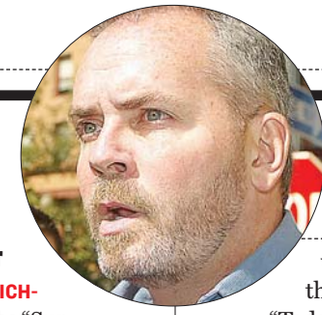
STUNT CASTING

Contestants Swoon

Cable's Lifetime network says **NICOLE KIDMAN** will make a cameo on a special edition of the "Project Runway" franchise, "Project Runway: All-Star Challenge." She will help set up a design contest for eight top contestants from past seasons. The special airs 8 p.m. Thursday, just before the long-awaited debut of the series' sixth season. (AP)

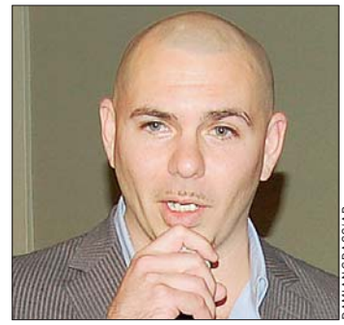
NETWORKS

NBC Excited To Replay Interviews Over and Over



ABC and CBS are sad they didn't get a man thrown in jail.

The lawyer for **RICHARD HATCH** says the "Survivor" winner was taken to jail because he granted two TV interviews without permission from the federal Bureau of Prisons. Hatch had been serving the remainder of his prison term for tax evasion at home. He granted three television interviews this week — to NBC's "Today" show, NBC affiliate WJAR-TV and the NBC-owned "Access Hollywood." Hatch's lawyer, Cynthia Ribas, says the bureau told her it gave permission only for the interview with "Today." She says she thought the permission extended to all NBC properties. (AP)



DAMIAN GRASS/AP

Pitbull brings glad tidings of Miami to the world. He's like a subtropical Santa.

PR

Every City Needs a Singer Named for a Deadly Animal

Rapper **PITBULL**, whose chart-climbing songs have made him a bilingual favorite, was honored Wednesday with the key to Miami. "Pitbull not only lives in Miami, but he's been traveling the country and the world sharing a positive message of Miami," said Miami Commissioner Thomas Regalado at the Wednesday ceremony. (AP)

FRIVOLOUS

Musician Shuns Orphans, Darfur, New Orleans in Selection of Charity

JAMES TAYLOR plans to donate his $500,000 in earnings from a five-day music festival next week to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Taylor told the Boston Globe that he decided to donate his earnings because he and his wife are concerned about diminishing support for classical music. The newspaper reports that the couple also donated more than $700,000 between 2005 and 2008 to the orchestra. (AP)

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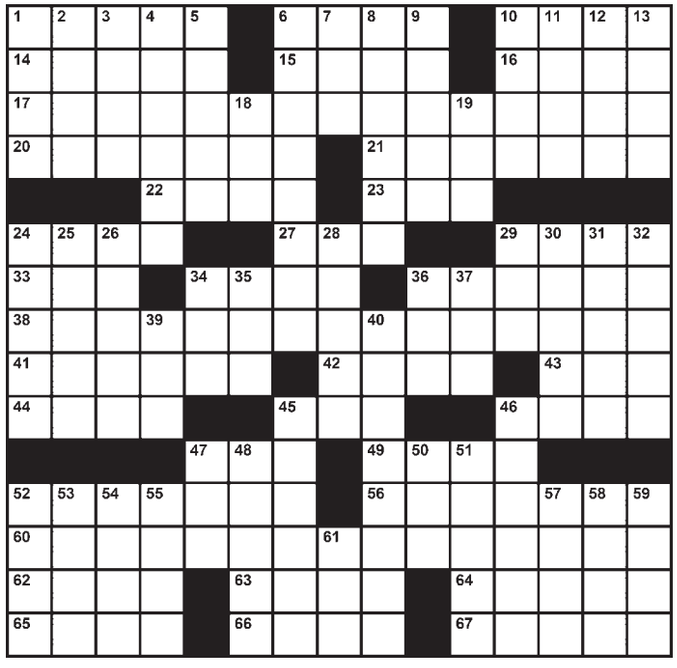

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26 Sirius business
28 "Kiss the chef" garment
29 Graceless guy
30 Amazed
31 Circuit breakers replaced these
32 Altercation
34 African with a white beard
35 Admission requirements, perhaps
36 "Hotel du ___" (Anita Brookner novel)
37 Squeeze (out), as a narrow victory
39 Acoustic guitarist's lack
40 Breed
45 Let out a breath
46 Actor Guy of "Memento"
47 Trusted chum
48 "Finding Nemo" setting
50 "Crack" or "jack" follower
51 Hawke of "Training Day"
52 Ancient South American empire
53 One of three squares
54 Cosmetology procedure
55 Classic literary work
57 Arctic Ocean hazard
58 Bear's hangout
59 Caribbean taro
61 Bridal bio word

Yesterday's Solution

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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

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		3	1		4	5		
	5						4	
4								6
2			8		9			3
3								7
	3						8	
		8	4		1	9		
	1		6		5		3	

Yesterday's Solution

8	2	3	7	6	1	9	5	4
4	5	9	2	3	8	1	6	7
7	1	6	5	4	9	3	2	8
5	7	8	6	9	3	2	4	1
1	9	4	8	2	7	6	3	5
6	3	2	1	5	4	8	7	9
2	4	5	9	1	6	7	8	3
3	8	1	4	7	2	5	9	6
9	6	7	3	8	5	4	1	2

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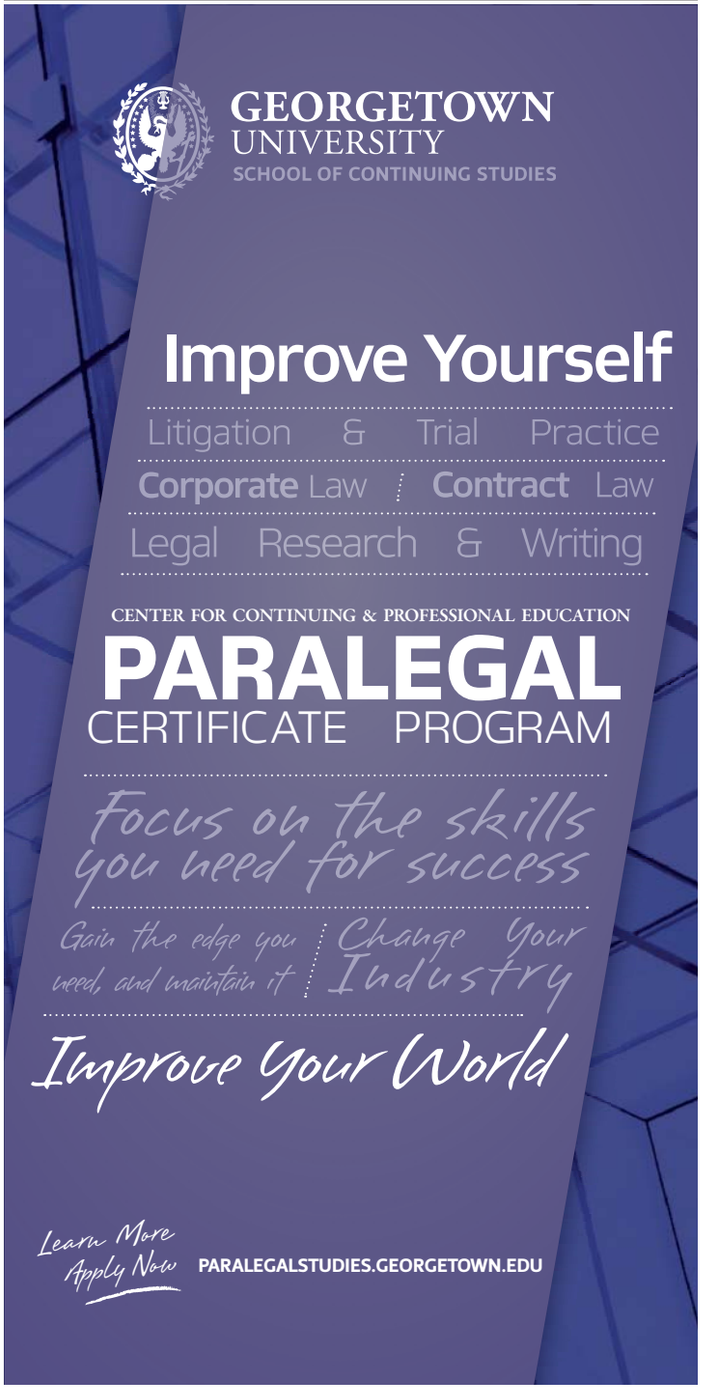

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